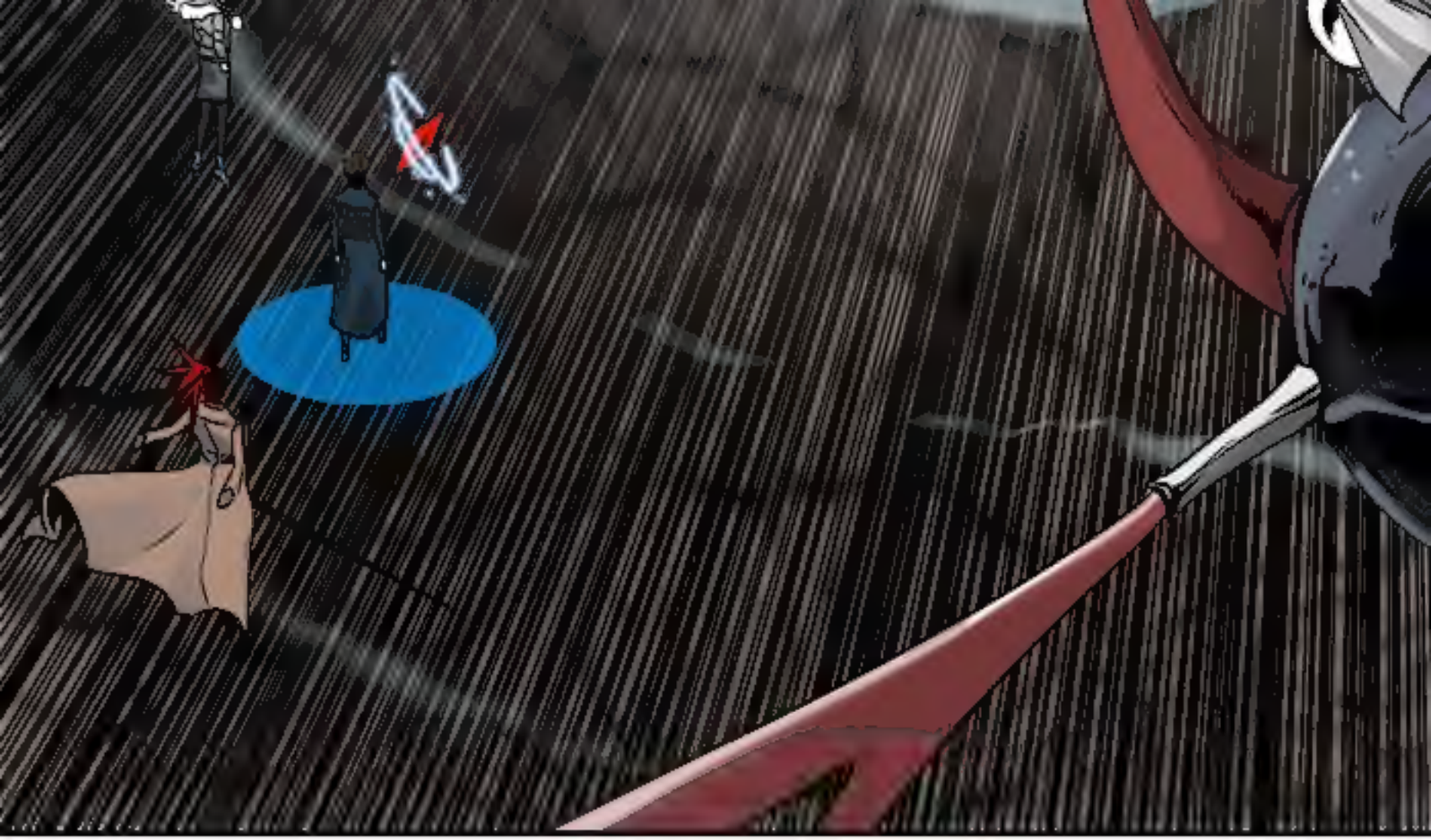
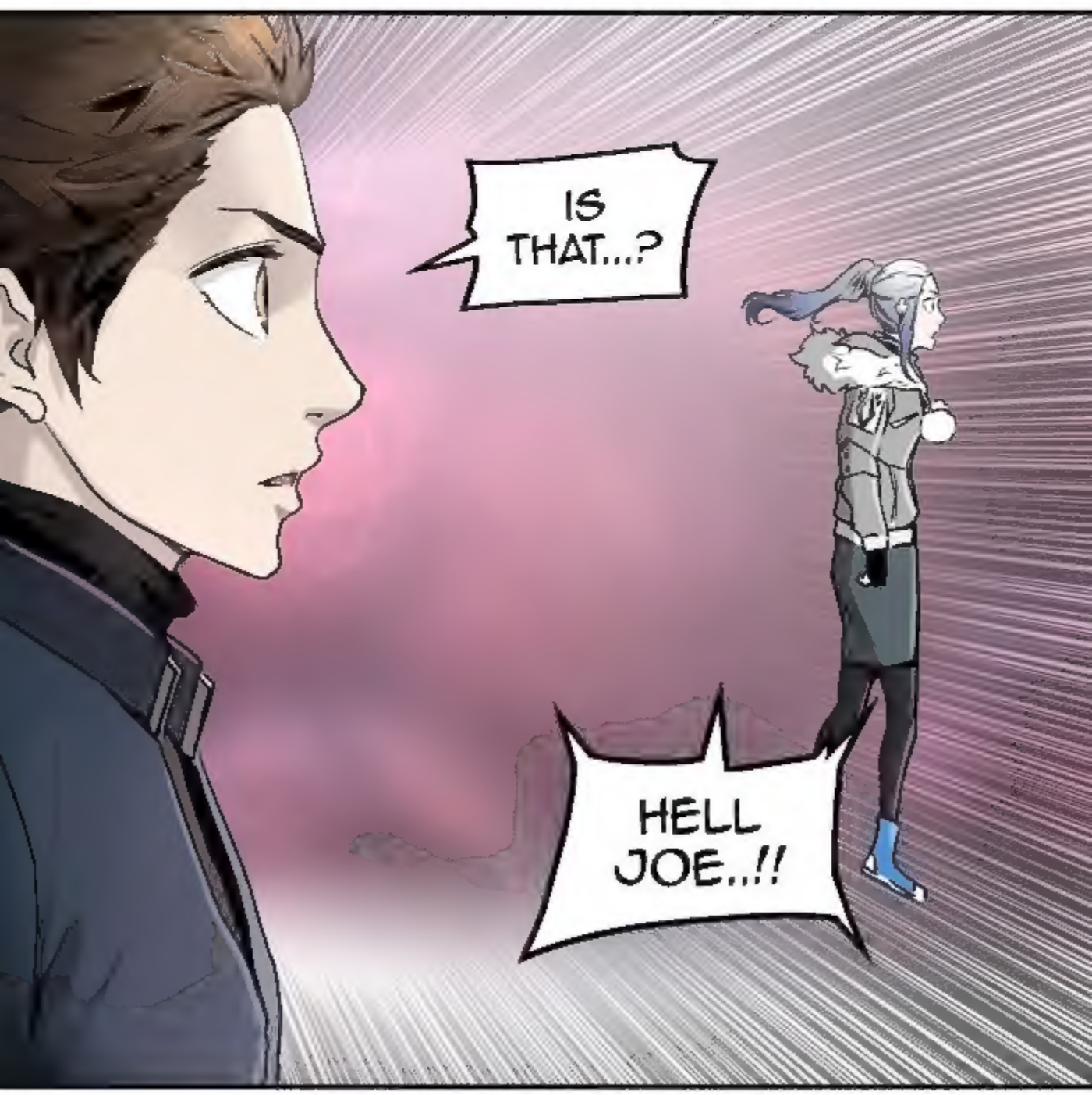
KRRR

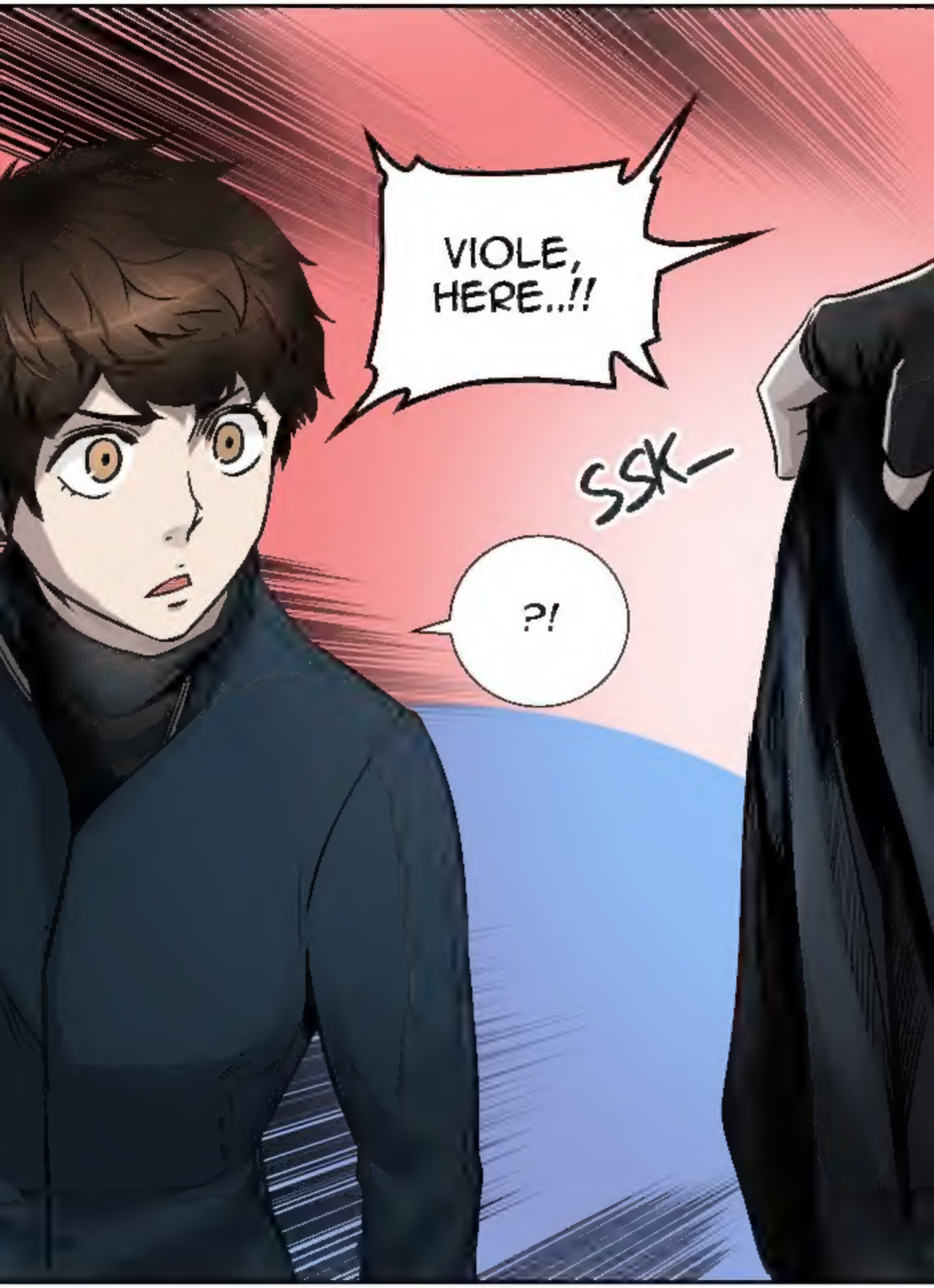


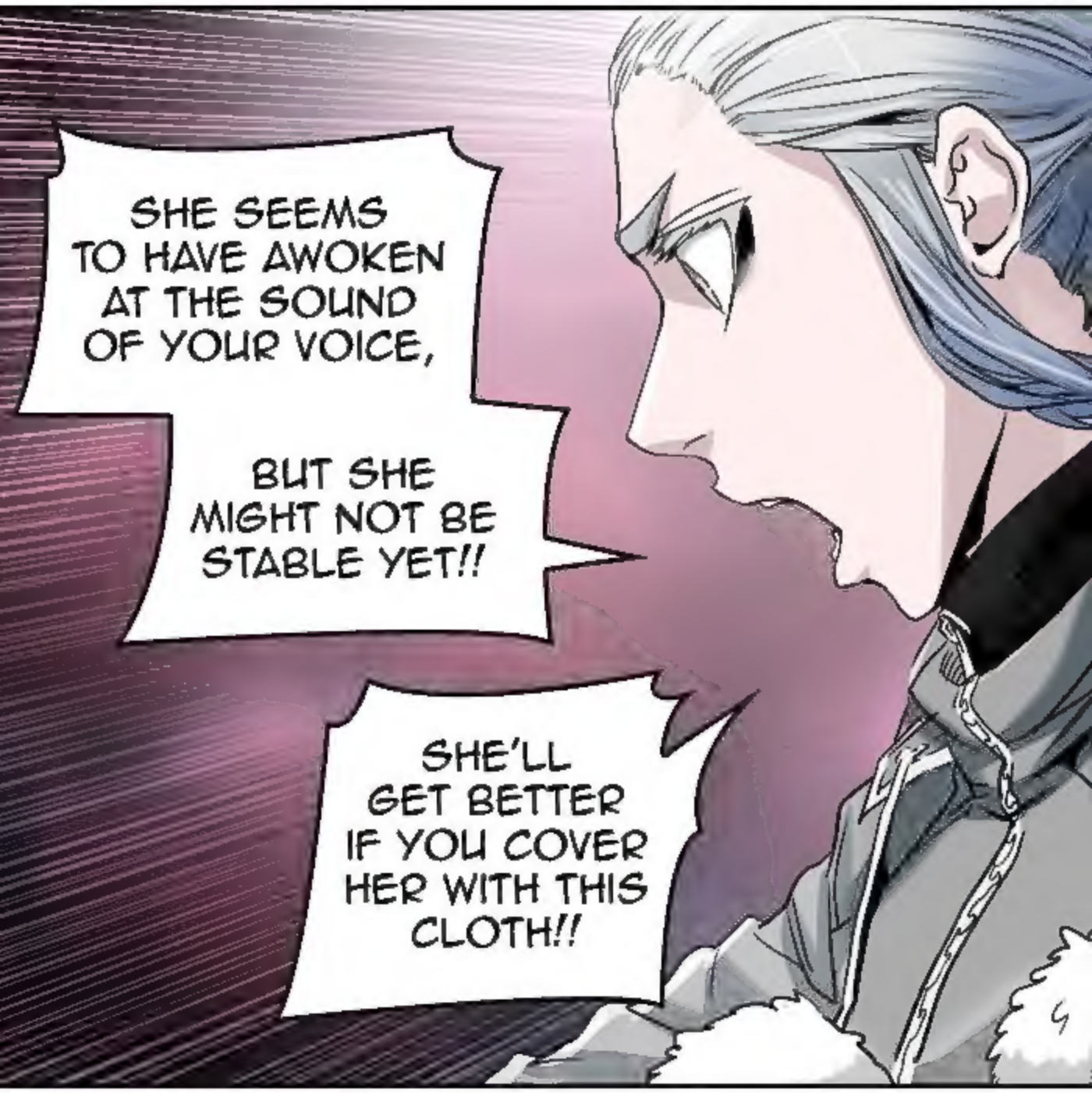
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU ALL-
KRRR RRRR
REGRET SETTING FOOT IN THIS PLACE.


IS THAT...?
HELL JOE..!!

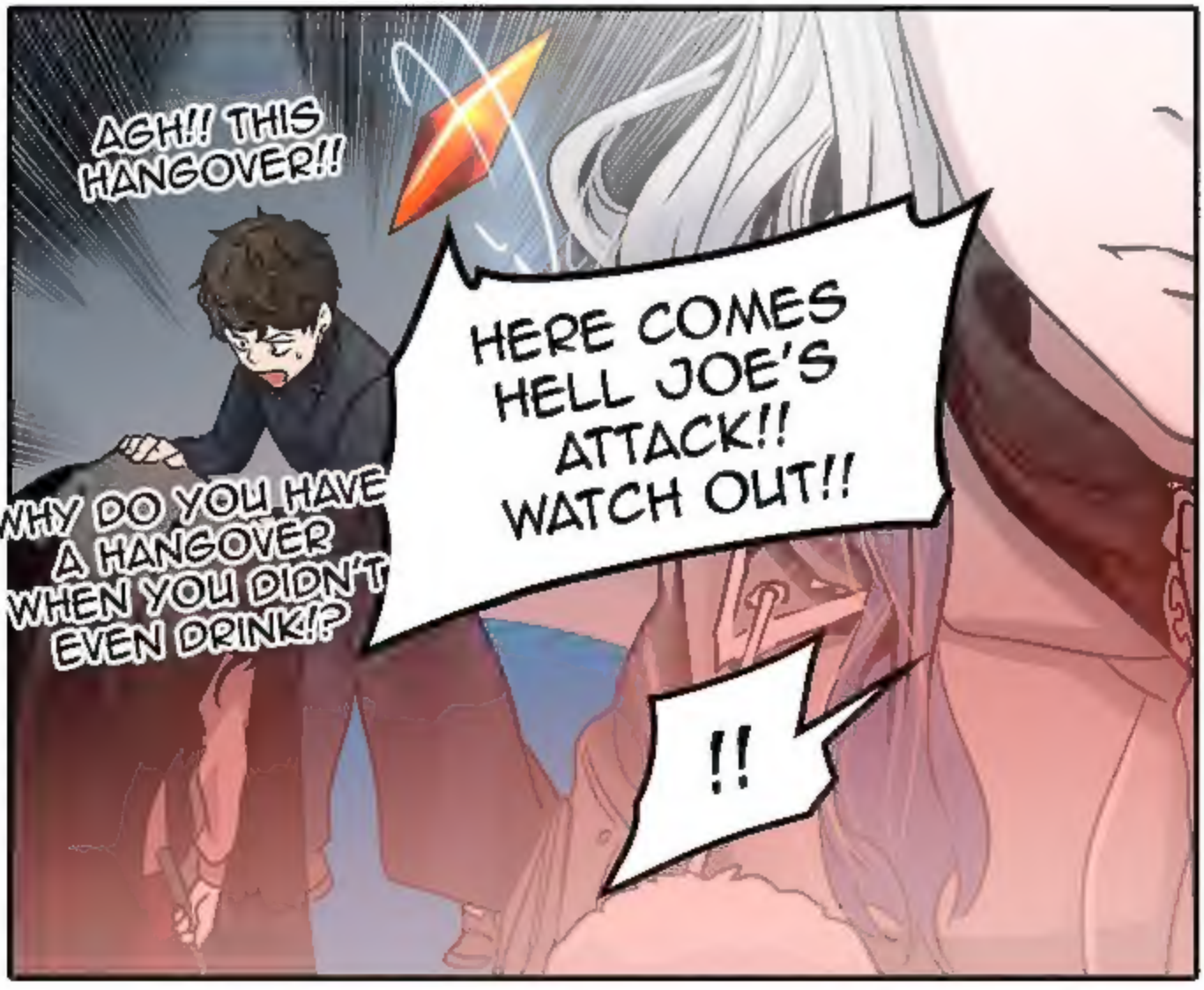
IS THAT HIS TRUE SELF..?!
KRRRRRRR
THAT POWER OF HIS IS SO INTENSE THAT IT'S MAKING ME ANXIOUS..!!

UGH!!
MY HEAD..
THROB
YURI!?
!!


VIOLE, HERE..!!
SSK-
?!


SHE SEEMS TO HAVE AWOKEN AT THE SOUND OF YOUR VOICE,
BUT SHE MIGHT NOT BE STABLE YET!!
SHE'LL GET BETTER IF YOU COVER HER WITH THIS CLOTH!!

!!
BAM!!


AGH!! THIS HANGOVER!!
WHY DO YOU HAVE A HANGOVER WHEN YOU DIDN'T EVEN DRINK!?
HERE COMES HELL JOE'S ATTACK!! WATCH OUT!!
!!

SHH
HELL JOE
WEAK BEAM

KSSH

KSSSSSHH

<<<<<<HHHHHH!!

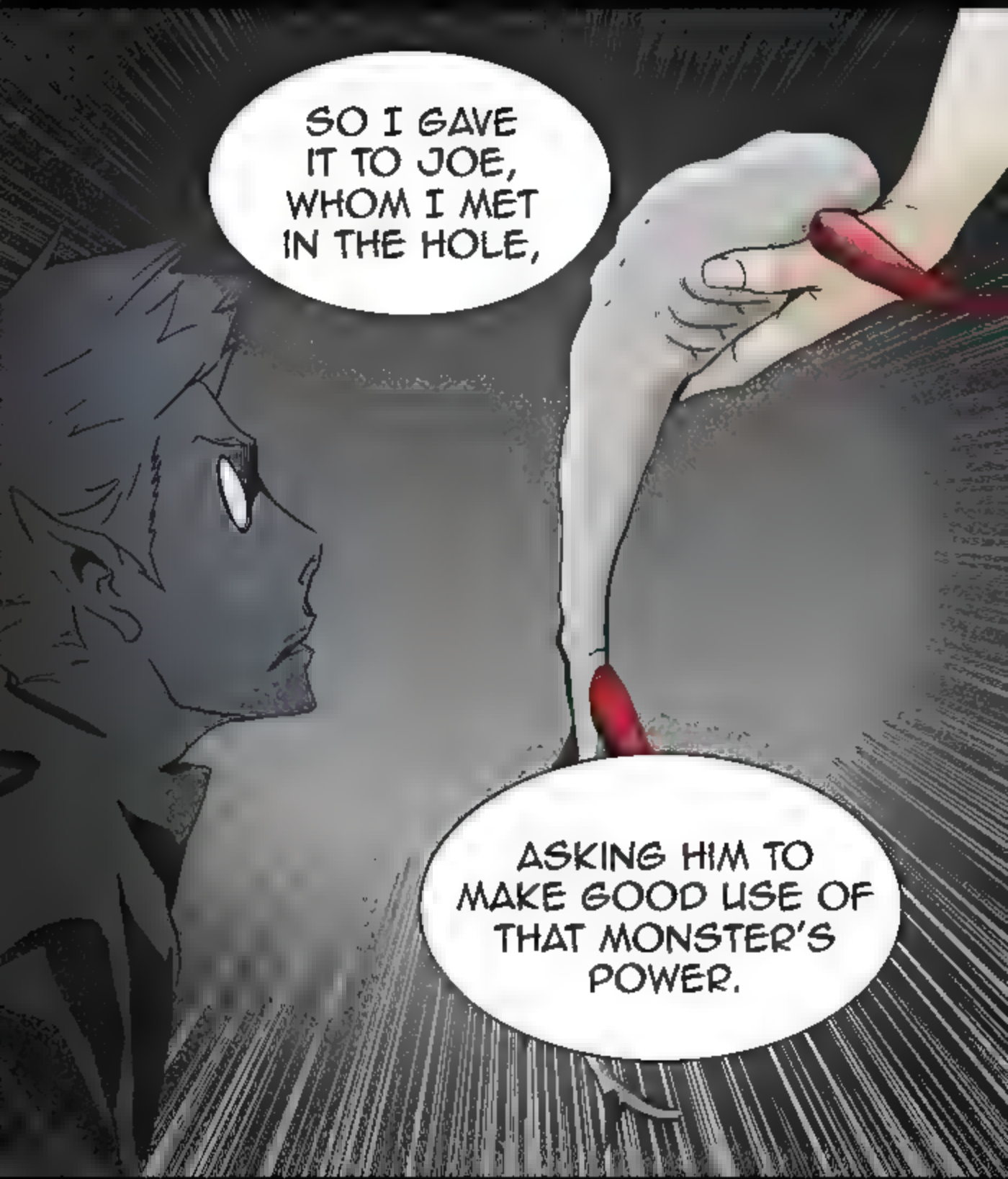
T...THE ADMINISTRATOR'S CHILD!?
WELL, TO PUT IT SIMPLY, THAT'S PRETTY MUCH RIGHT.
SHIT-SH-
SINCE IT'S NOT KNOWN THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR COULD EVEN HAVE CHILDREN.

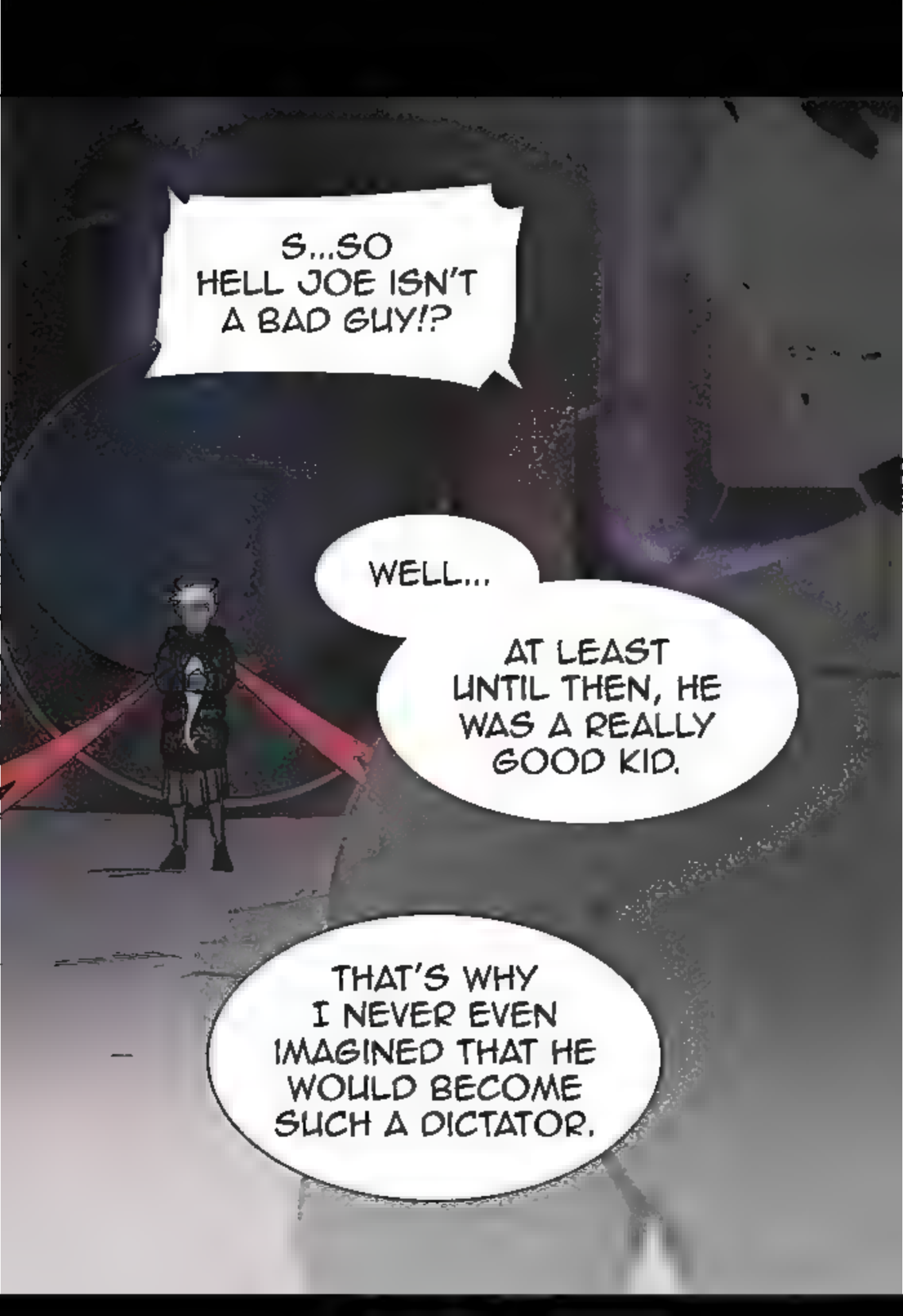
MAYBE THE DEAD ADMINISTRATOR IS TRYING TO BE REBORN...
WHAT!?
ALTHOUGH IT'S STILL RESTRICTED IN SCOPE OF THE SOUTH CITY.

I CAME ACROSS THAT MONSTER WHEN I CAME HERE TO THE FLOOR OF DEATH FOR THE LAST TIME.
I FOUND OUT THAT IT HAD A TYPE OF POWER SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, ALTHOUGH WEAKER.

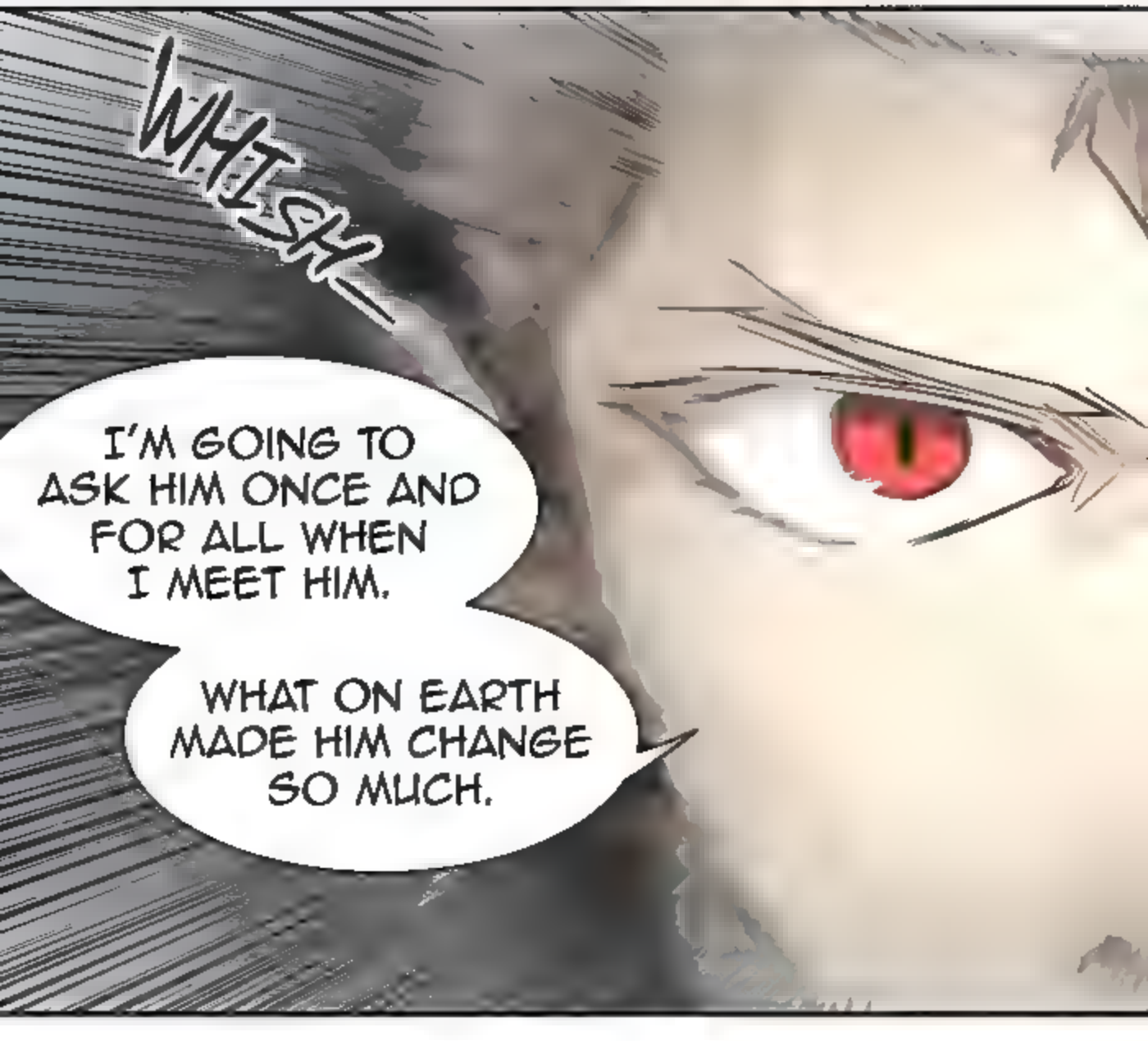
AT FIRST, I WONDERED WHAT I SHOULD DO.

BUT THEN I DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO GIVE THAT POWER TO SOMEONE WHO COULD USE IT PROPERLY.


SO I GAVE IT TO JOE, WHOM I MET IN THE HOLE,
ASKING HIM TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THAT MONSTER'S POWER.


S...SO HELL JOE ISN'T A BAD GUY!?
WELL...
AT LEAST UNTIL THEN, HE WAS A REALLY GOOD KID.
THAT'S WHY I NEVER EVEN IMAGINED THAT HE WOULD BECOME SUCH A DICTATOR.

I THOUGHT
THAT HE DEFINITELY
HAD POTENTIAL..


WHISK
I'M GOING TO ASK HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL WHEN I MEET HIM.
WHAT ON EARTH MADE HIM CHANGE SO MUCH.

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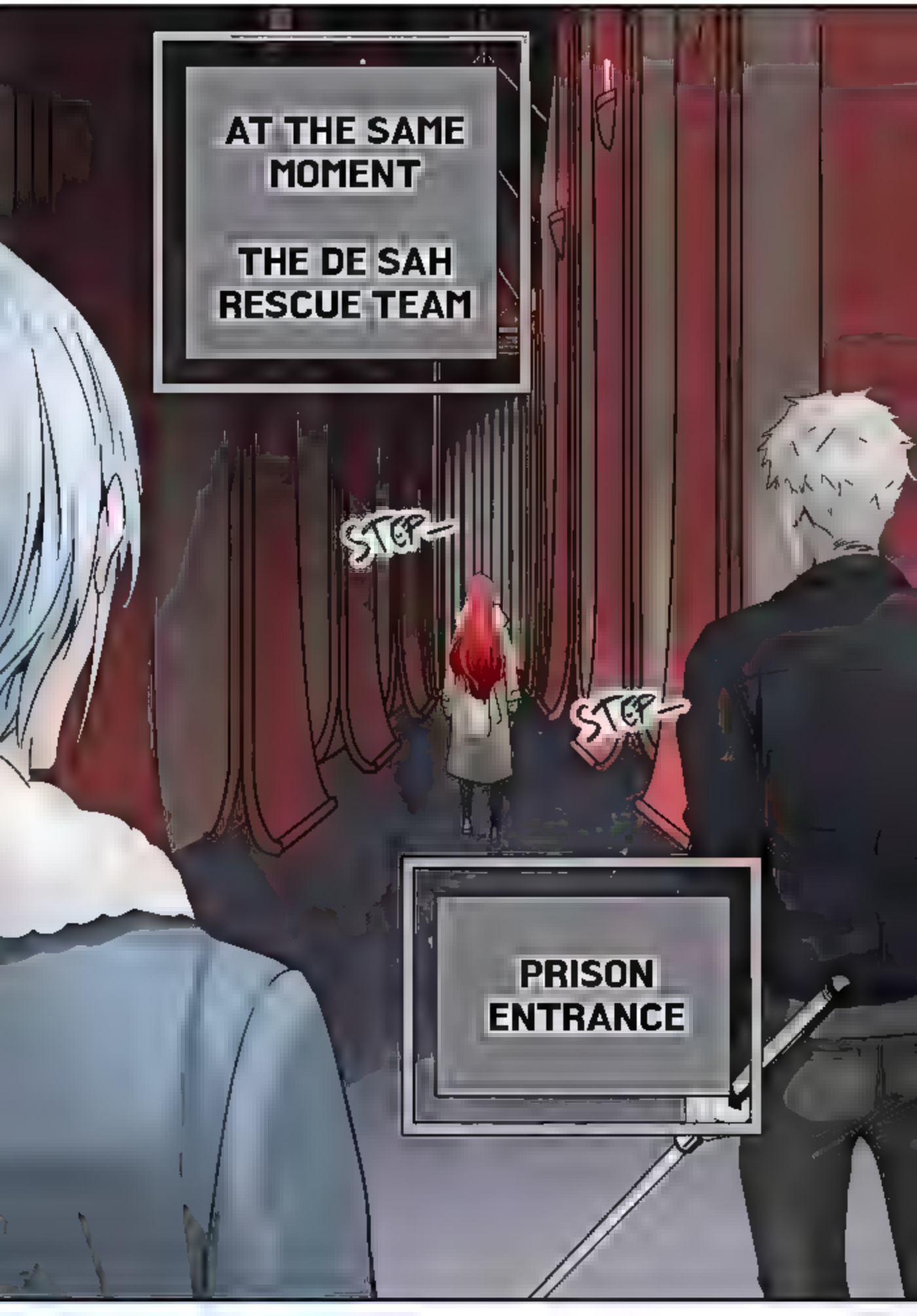
Tower of God


AT THE SAME MOMENT
THE DE SAH RESCUE TEAM
STEP
STEP
PRISON ENTRANCE

HEY, HWARYUN.
?

WHAT IS IT?
BEFORE WE MEET THIS 'DE SAH' GUY,
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT I'M CURIOUS ABOUT.
CURIOUS?

WHAT ON EARTH KIND OF POWER DOES DE SAH HAVE FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO BEAT JOE?
I THOUGHT HE ALREADY LOST TO JOE BEFORE.
DOES HE HAVE SOME KIND OF PLAN?

TELL THE TRUTH.
DID YOU LIE TO US?
?
....LIE?
YEAH. DID YOU MAKE UP THE WHOLE STORY ABOUT YOUR GRUDGE TOWARD JOE..

AND YOUR REAL GOAL IS NOT TO GET RID OF HELL JOE..
BUT RATHER MEETING DE SAH?

YOU THINK
MY GOAL IS
'MEETING
DE SAH' ...?

...WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
K..KHUN?! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? A LIE?!!
YOU SAW BEFORE!! THAT DEAD GUIDE..!!

..NO.
I'M CERTAIN.
YOU MAY HAVE SAID THAT YOU BROKE INTO THE CASTLE TO GET REVENGE ON JOE,
BUT YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT JOE IS DOING.
PLUS IT'S SUSPICIOUS THAT YOU'RE USING YURI JAHAD AS BAIT WHEN SHE'S THE ONLY PERSON CAPABLE OF KILLING HELL JOE.

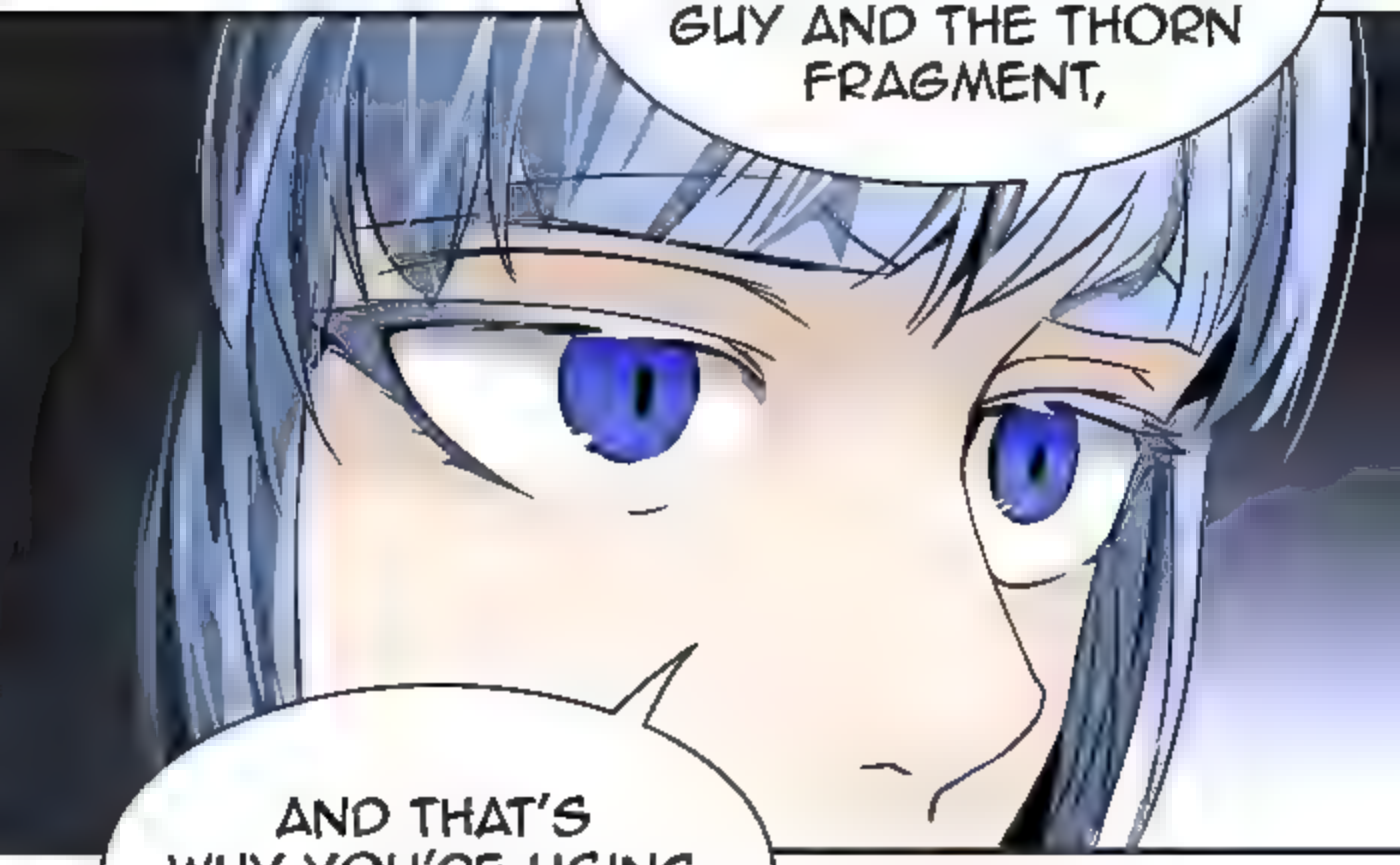
THAT'S WHY IT SEEMS LIKE YOU CAME HERE TO MEET DE SAH, NOT TO GET REVENGE ON JOE.
...I DON'T THINK IT'S GOOD TO SUSPECT PEOPLE WITHOUT ANY GOOD REASON.

THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER SUSPICIOUS THINGS TOO.
FIRST, YOUR ATTITUDE AS A GUIDE. YOU CAME HERE AS VIOLE'S GUIDE IN ORDER TO FIND THE THORN FRAGMENT
BUT RIGHT NOW, YOU'RE GOING ON A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT JOURNEY TO AVENGE A FELLOW GUIDE.
I DON'T THINK THAT YOU WOULD PRIORITIZE YOUR PERSONAL GRUDGE OVER VIOLE'S JOURNEY.
THAT'S NOT HOW SOMEONE WOULD BEHAVE IF THEY WERE ANGRY ABOUT NOT FOLLOWING THE 'STANDARD PATH' FOR THE DEATH OF A COMPANION.

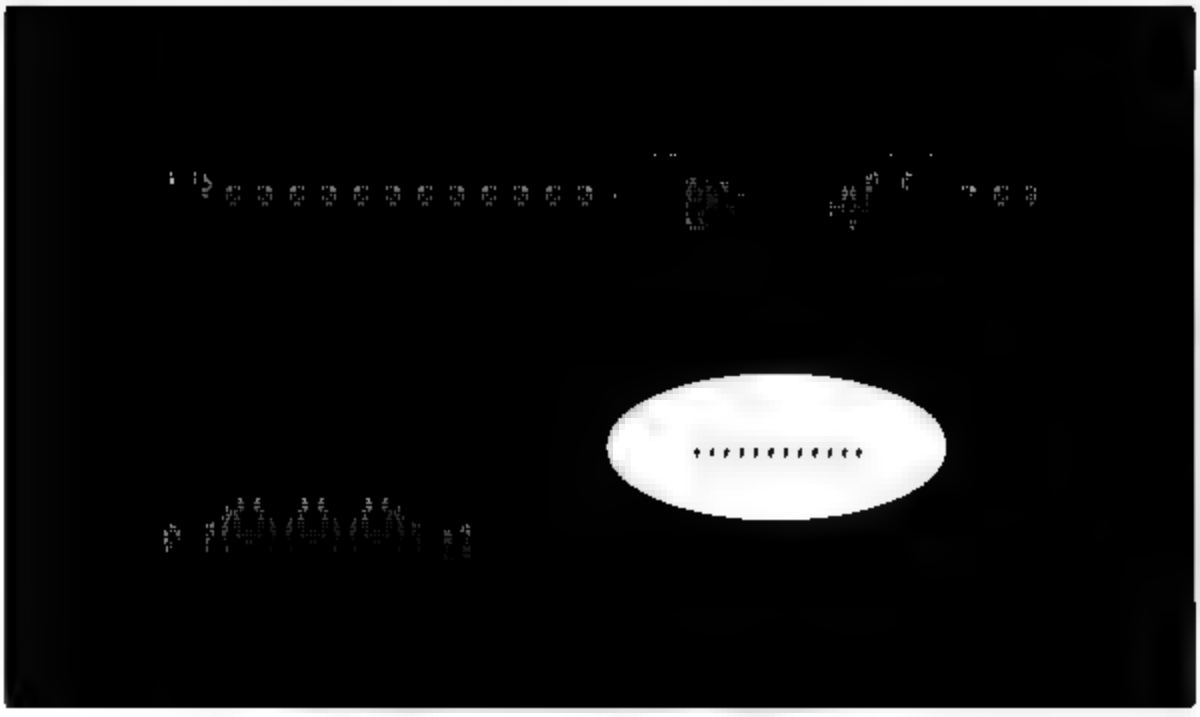
SECOND.
THE ATTITUDE OF YOU AND AI WHO LOST SOMEONE PRECIOUS TO BOTH.
I DON'T REALLY GET THE FEELING THAT YOU GUYS ARE ANGRY OR SAD ABOUT HER DEATH.
THIRD.
HELL JOE DOESN'T HAVE THE THORN FRAGMENT.
IF HE DID, FUG WOULD HAVE ALREADY HEARD ABOUT IT.
AND YOUR CONCRETE GOAL WOULD HAVE BEEN 'BREAKING INTO THE CASTLE AND FINDING THE THORN FRAGMENT.'

SO THIS IS WHAT I THINK.

THERE'S SOME KIND OF CONNECTION BETWEEN THAT 'DE SAH' GUY AND THE THORN FRAGMENT,



AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE USING US TO MEET HIM.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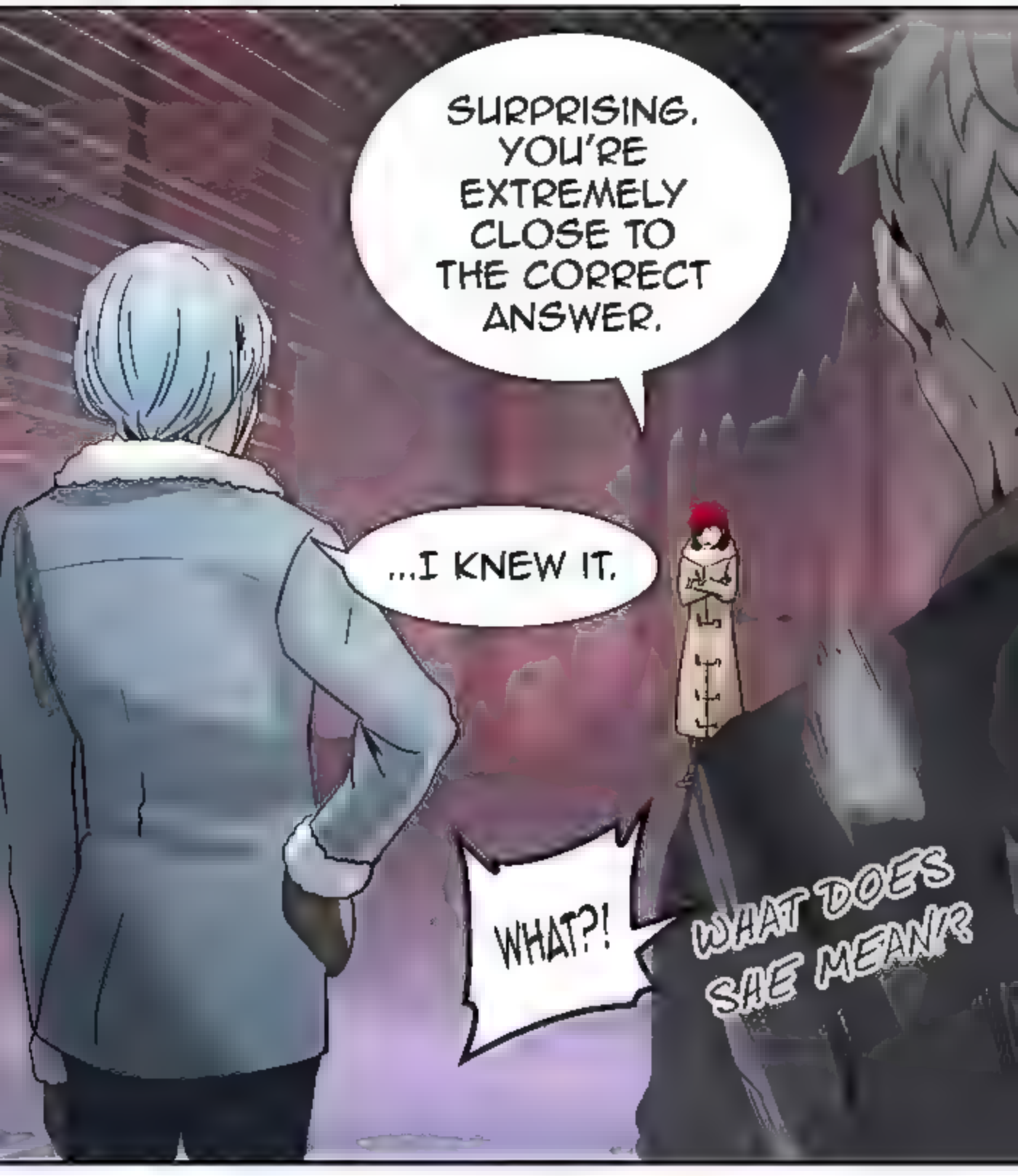
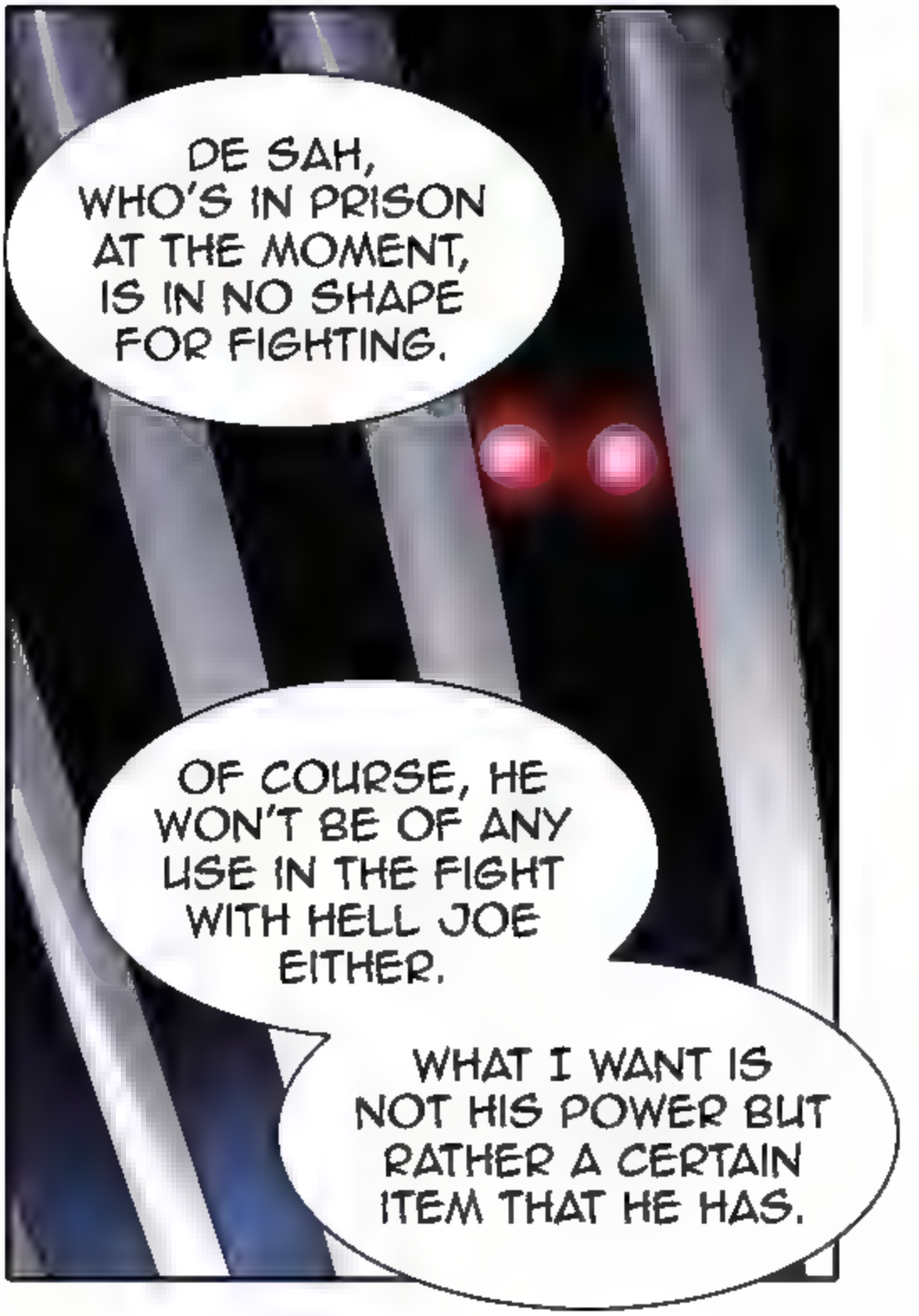
.....HAH.


SURPRISING. YOU'RE EXTREMELY CLOSE TO THE CORRECT ANSWER.
...I KNEW IT.
WHAT?!
WHAT DOES SHE MEAN?

S..SO THE CORPSE THAT WE SAW BEFORE WAS FAKE..!?
NO.. IT'S TRUE THAT SHE WAS KILLED BY HELL JOE.
AS WELL AS THE FACT THAT I HAVE A PERSONAL GRUDGE TOWARD JOE BECAUSE OF THAT.
BUT I SIMPLY HAVE A MORE IMPORTANT PURPOSE AS A GUIDE.


DE SAH, WHO'S IN PRISON AT THE MOMENT, IS IN NO SHAPE FOR FIGHTING.
OF COURSE, HE WON'T BE OF ANY USE IN THE FIGHT WITH HELL JOE EITHER.
WHAT I WANT IS NOT HIS POWER BUT RATHER A CERTAIN ITEM THAT HE HAS.

...AN ITEM?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I CAME HERE TO GET THAT 'THING' THAT DE SAH HAS.

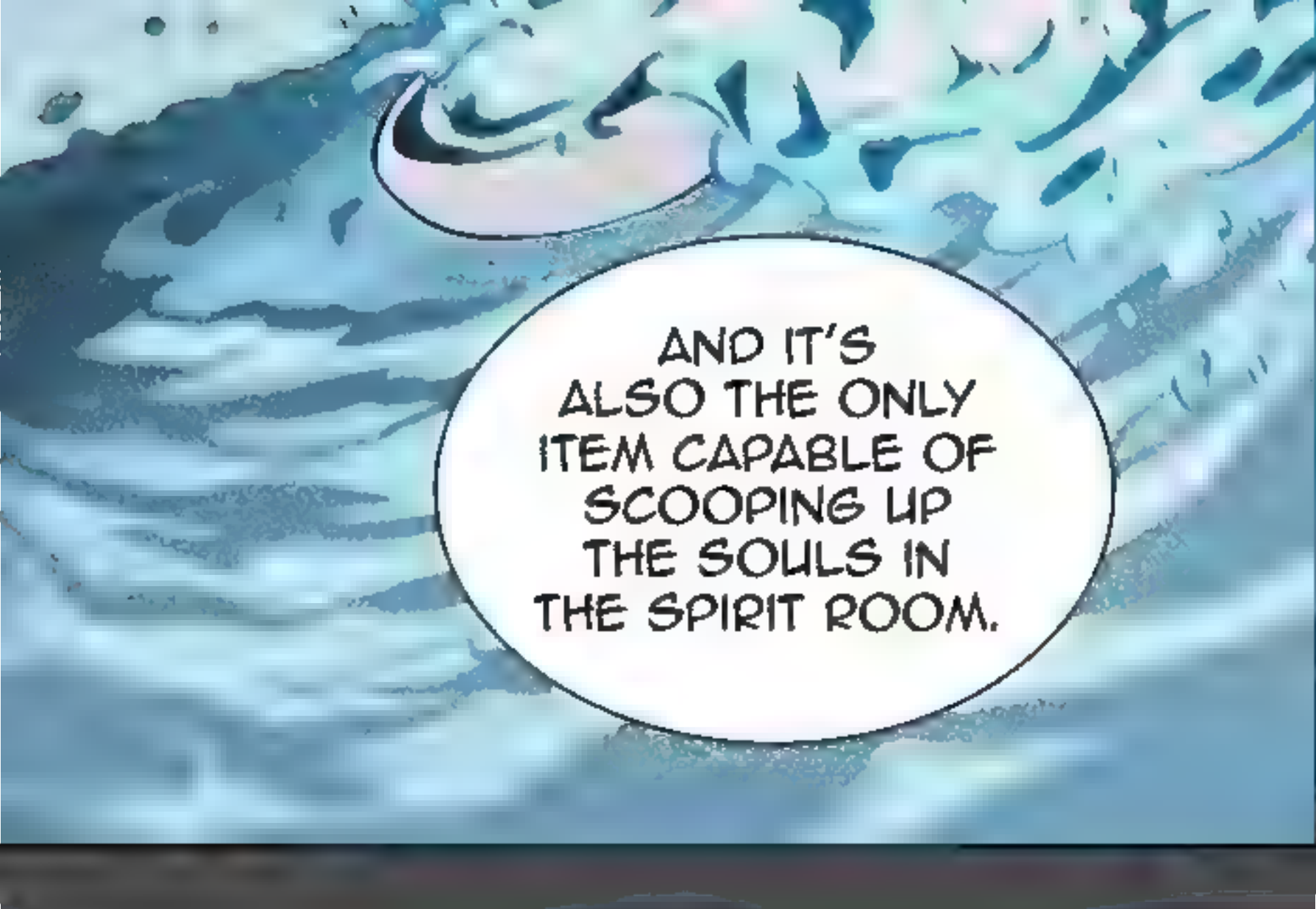
IT'S CALLED...

THE SOUL-STIRRING LADLE.

SOUL-STIRRING... LADLE..?!
YEAH.
IT'S THE MAGICAL ITEM THAT DE SAH AND DE JAH USED WHEN MAKING THE SPIRIT ROOM.

YOU'VE HEARD THE STORY ABOUT DE SAH AND DE JAH MAKING THE SPIRIT ROOM, RIGHT?

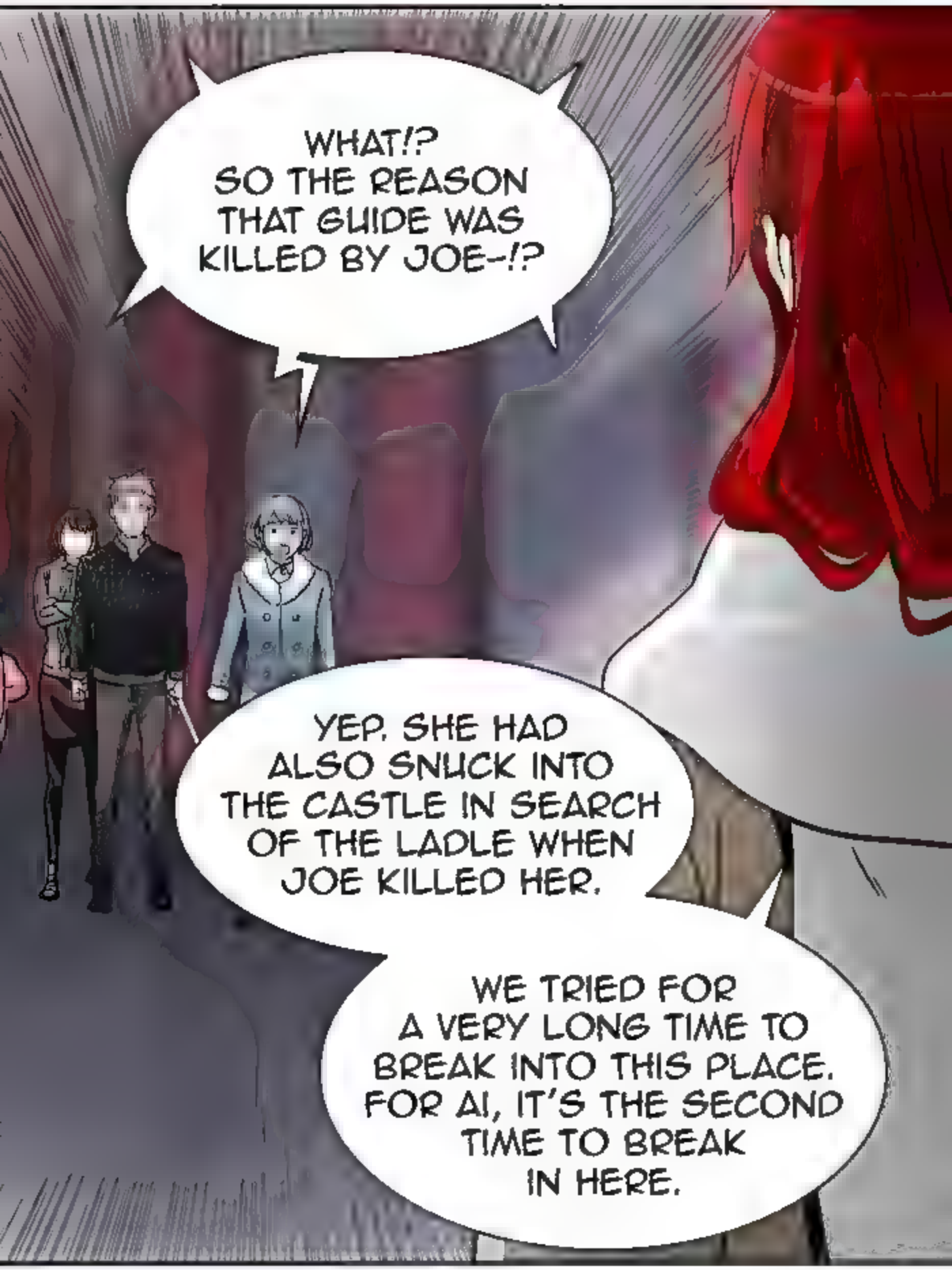
ONE OF THE ITEMS THAT THEY USED AT THE TIME WAS THE 'SOUL-STIRRING LADLE.'
WITH ITS MYSTERIOUS POWER TO SCOOP UP SOULS,
THE LADLE PLAYS THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF BINDING SOULS TOGETHER WHICH HAVE NOT UNITED WITH ONE ANOTHER


AND IT'S ALSO THE ONLY ITEM CAPABLE OF SCOOPING UP THE SOULS IN THE SPIRIT ROOM.

B...BUT ISN'T THAT WHAT HELL JOE IS AFTER..!?
YOU'RE RIGHT. BUT HELL JOE THINKS THAT IT'S ALREADY BROKEN.
BECAUSE DE SAH SMASHED THE LADLE RIGHT IN FRONT OF JOE.
BUT IT'S NOT AN ITEM THAT CAN BE BROKEN SO EASILY.

WE'VE KEPT SEARCHING FOR THAT LADLE THAT DISAPPEARED

AND AI WHO INFILTRATED INTO JOE'S CASTLE RECENTLY CAME BACK
AND SAID THAT SHE 'SAW DE SAH WITH THAT LADLE.'


WHAT!?
SO THE REASON THAT GUIDE WAS KILLED BY JOE-!?
YEP. SHE HAD ALSO SNUCK INTO THE CASTLE IN SEARCH OF THE LADLE WHEN JOE KILLED HER.
WE TRIED FOR A VERY LONG TIME TO BREAK INTO THIS PLACE. FOR AI, IT'S THE SECOND TIME TO BREAK IN HERE.

WHY ON EARTH DO YOU GUYS WANT THAT LADLE...!?
...ACTUALLY, WE'RE NOT VERY INTERESTED IN THE LADLE ITSELF.
THE ONE WHO'S INTERESTED IN THE LADLE IS A GUY NAMED 'MADORAKO.'

M... MADORAKO..? FROM THE WORKSHOP BATTLE...?
THAT'S RIGHT. HE'S A MERCHANT WHO SIDED WITH THE FUG WHICH GOT INVOLVED IN THE WORKSHOP BATTLE.
ACTUALLY, HIS PRIVATE ARMY IS THE ONE WHO MANAGED TO SNEAK THE THORN FRAGMENT OUT OF THE FLOOR OF DEATH.

IT HASN'T BEEN CONFIRMED BUT THERE ARE RUMORS THAT HE HAS ANOTHER THORN FRAGMENT, TOO.

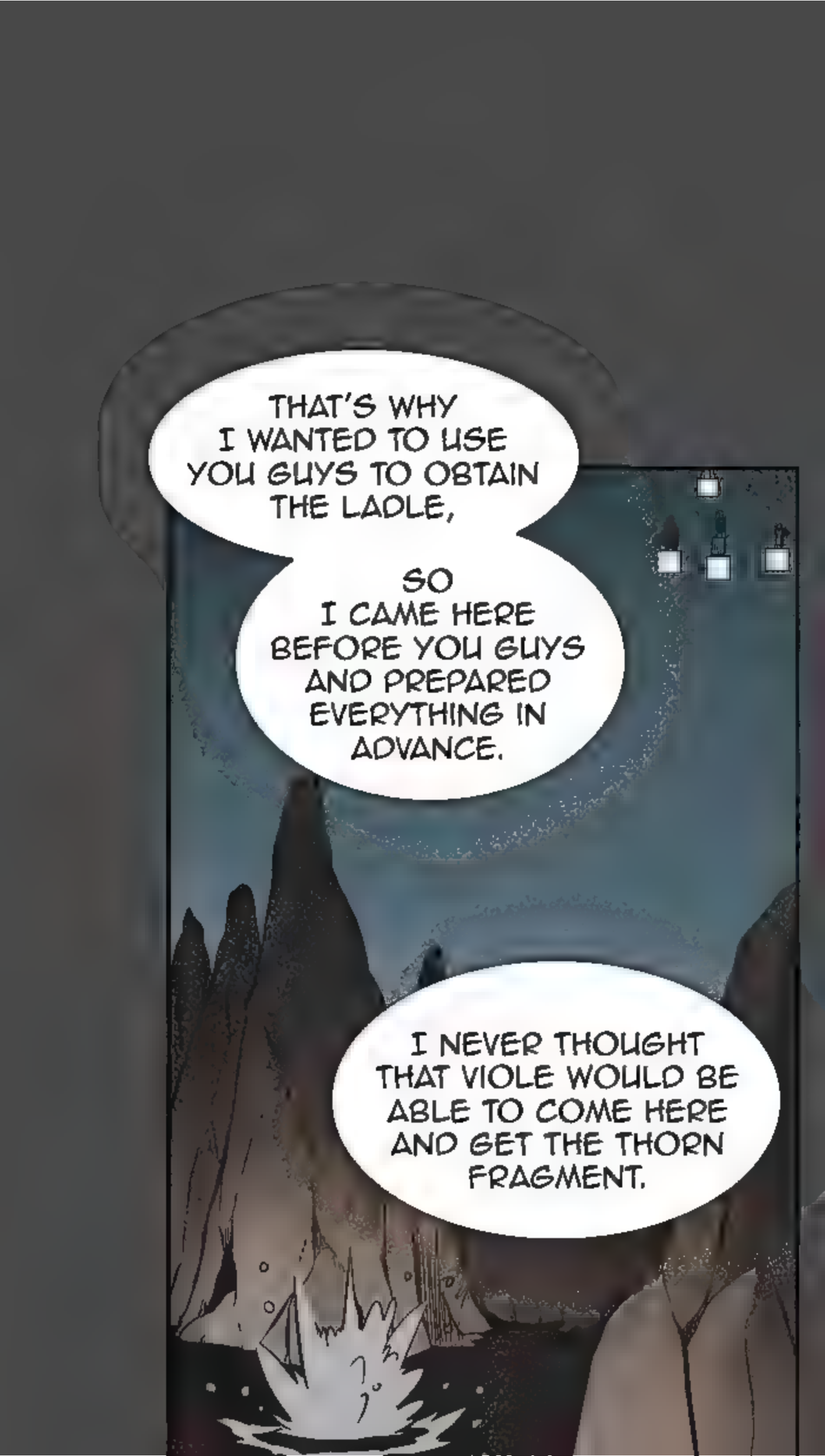
THEY SAY THAT SINCE BECOMING THE ENEMY OF SEVERAL EXECUTIVES AT FUG DURING THE WORKSHOP BATTLE, HE'S BEEN SEARCHING FOR A CLIENT TO WHOM HE CAN SELL THE THORN FRAGMENT AT A PROPER PRICE.

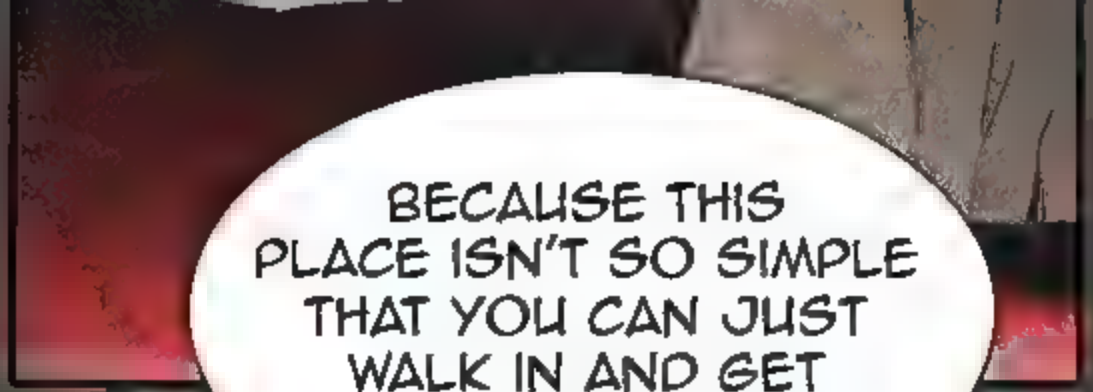
WHAT MADORAKO HAS BEEN DESPERATELY WANTING FOR AGES IS THE 'SOUL-STIRRING LADLE.'

ARE YOU STARTING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT?

WE PLAN ON FINDING THAT LADLE AND TRADING IT FOR THE THORN FRAGMENT.

WE MAY NOT KNOW WHY MADORAKO WANTS THE LADLE, BUT WE NEED THAT THORN FRAGMENT.

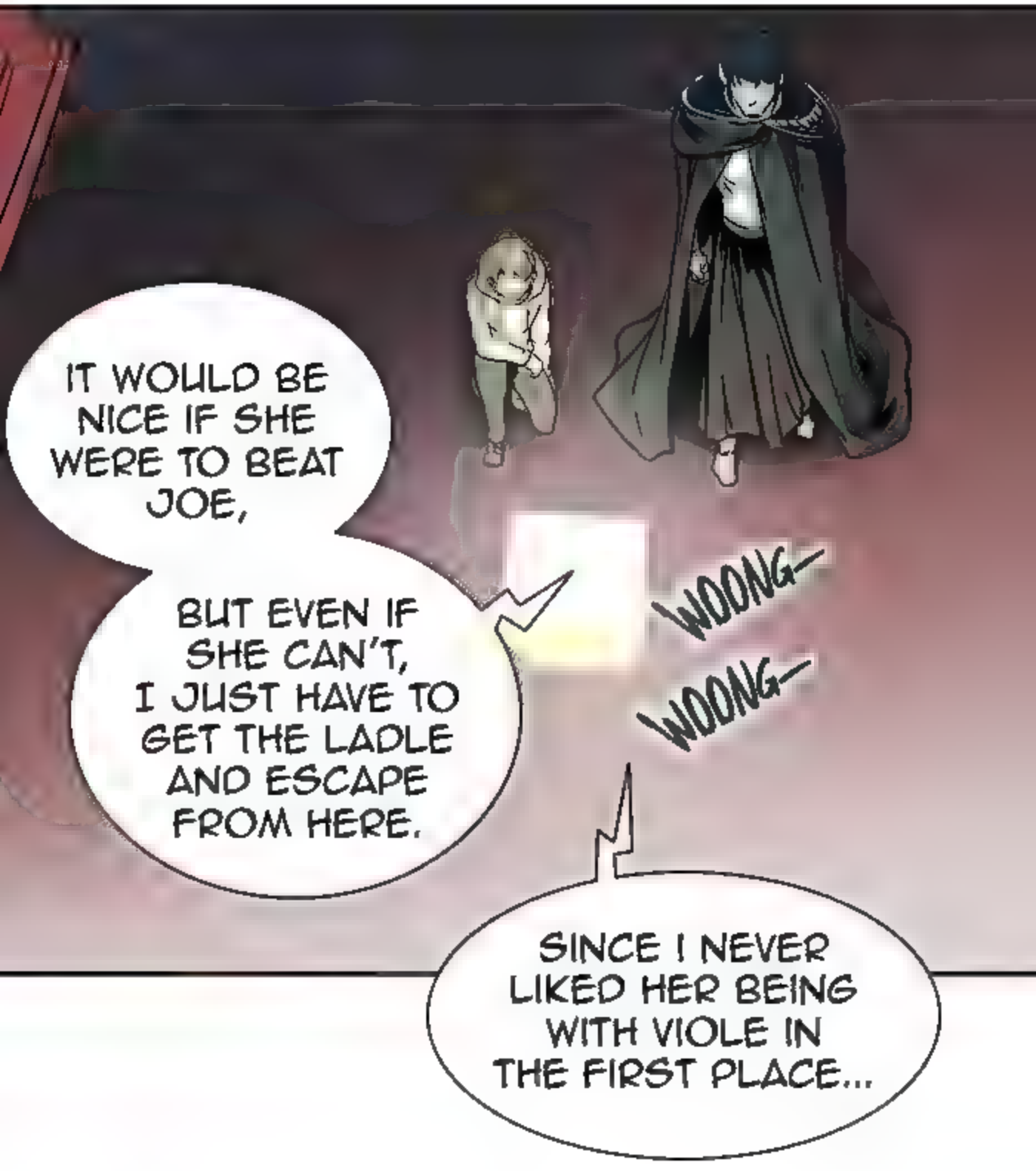

THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO USE YOU GUYS TO OBTAIN THE LADLE,
SO I CAME HERE BEFORE YOU GUYS AND PREPARED EVERYTHING IN ADVANCE.
I NEVER THOUGHT THAT VIOLE WOULD BE ABLE TO COME HERE AND GET THE THORN FRAGMENT.

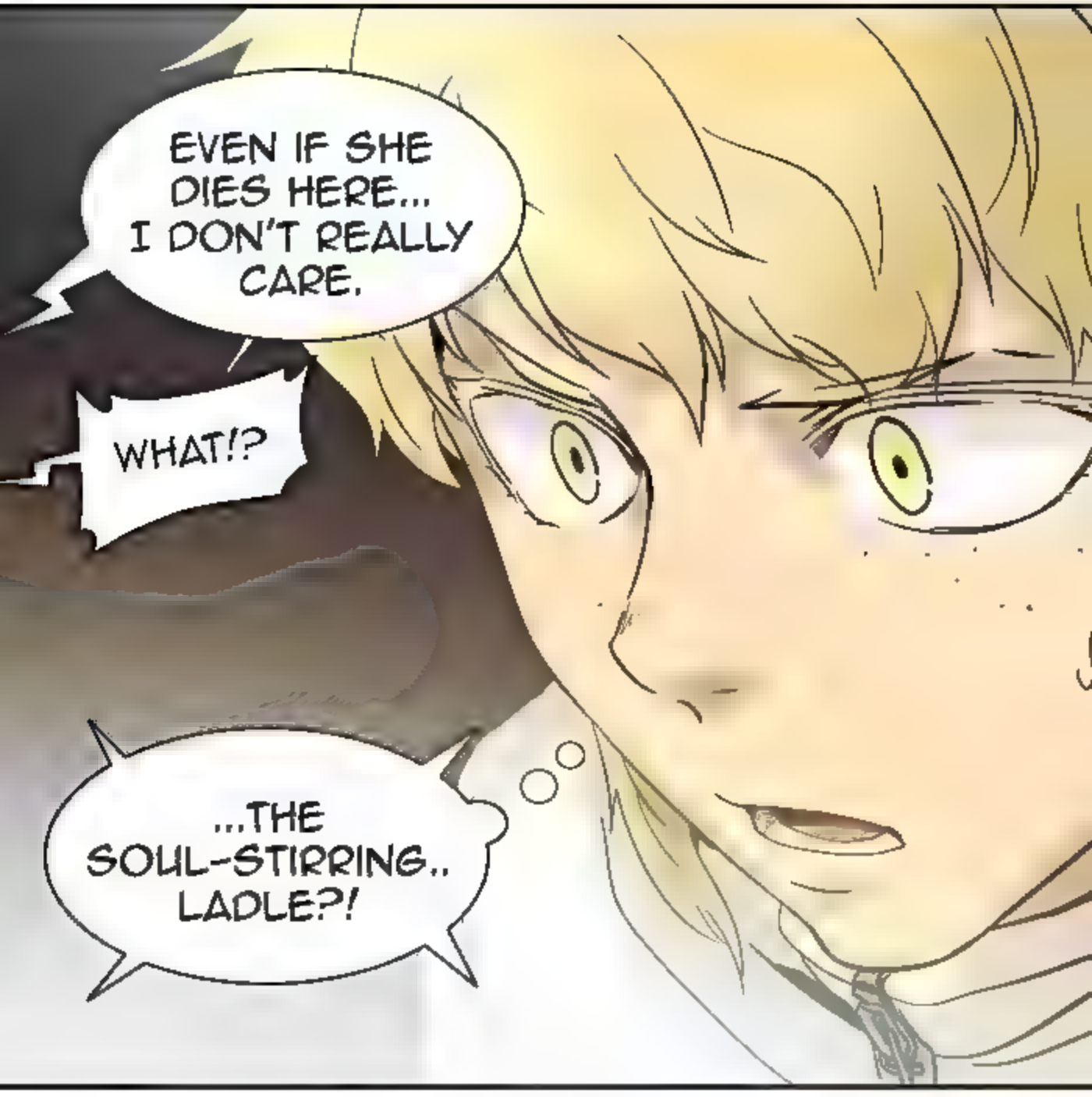


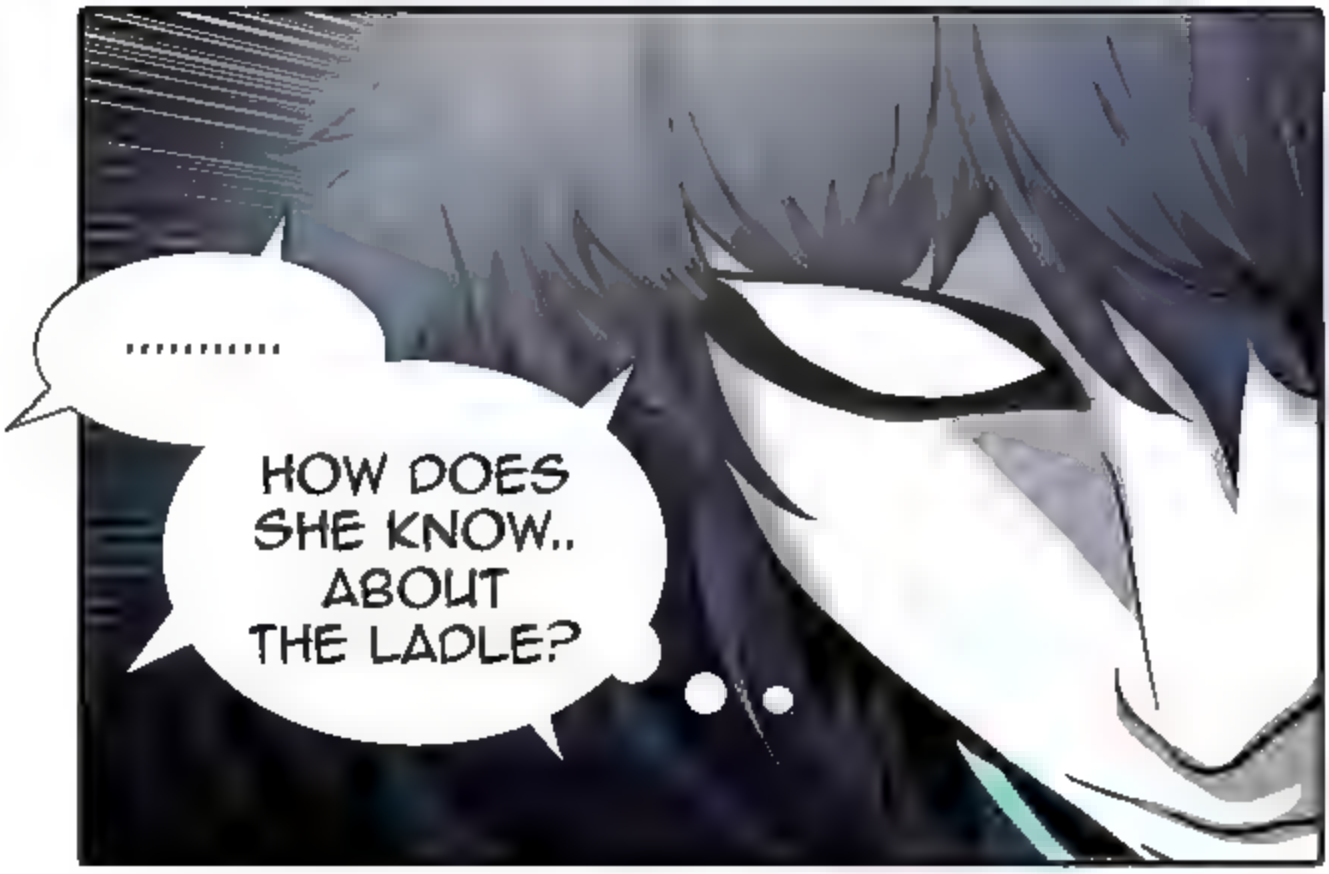
BECAUSE THIS PLACE ISN'T SO SIMPLE THAT YOU CAN JUST WALK IN AND GET SOMETHING DONE.

ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T EXPECT VIOLE TO DISAPPEAR ALL OF A SUDDEN, OF COURSE.

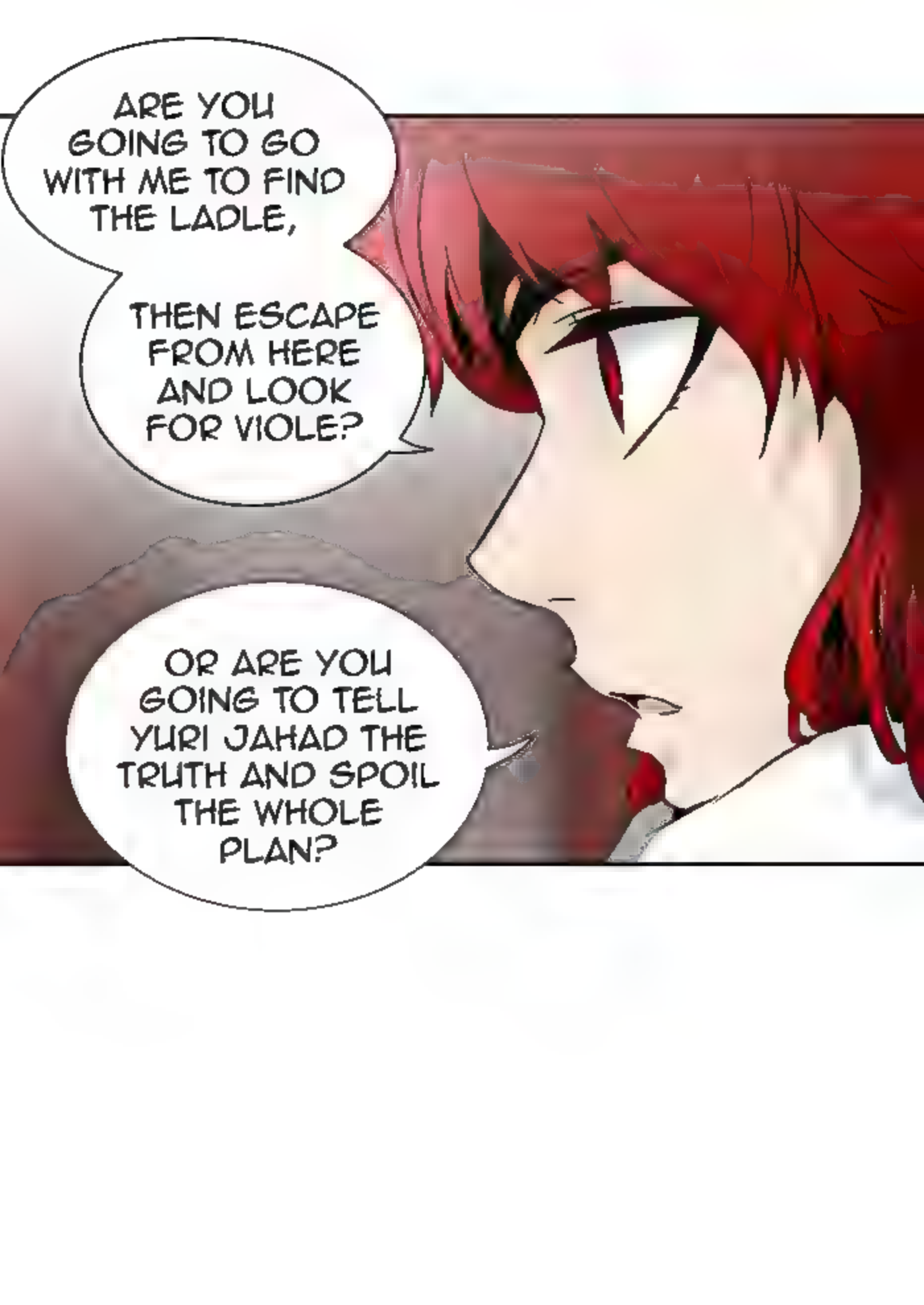
WAIT, THAT MEANS..!
YOU USED YURI JAHAD PURELY AS BAIT!?
JUST TO DISTRACT HELL JOE?!
THAT'S RIGHT.


IT WOULD BE NICE IF SHE WERE TO BEAT JOE,
BUT EVEN IF SHE CAN'T, I JUST HAVE TO GET THE LADLE AND ESCAPE FROM HERE.
WOONG—
WOONG—
SINCE I NEVER LIKED HER BEING WITH VIOLE IN THE FIRST PLACE...


EVEN IF SHE DIES HERE... I DON'T REALLY CARE.
WHAT!?
...THE SOUL-STIRRING.. LADLE?!



WELL, NOW THAT YOU GUYS KNOW THE TRUTH, MAKE A CHOICE.


ARE YOU GOING TO GO WITH ME TO FIND THE LADLE,
THEN ESCAPE FROM HERE AND LOOK FOR VIOLE?
OR ARE YOU GOING TO TELL YURI JAHAD THE TRUTH AND SPOIL THE WHOLE PLAN?

OF COURSE, YOU WON'T GAIN ANYTHING IF YOU CHOOSE THE LATTER..
STOP!
INTRUDERS!!

HOW DARE YOU TRY TO STEAL DE SAH'S LADLE!?

DE LEE..?!

I, GRAND DE LEE, WILL NEVER ALLOW THAT!!

N...NOW, WHAT THE HELL?

SLLLLK
FLASH
THE SOUL-STIRRING LADLE..
IS OUR TREASURE.

WE CAN'T HAND IT OVER TO ANYONE!!
RUMBLE
!!

KRRRRRRRR
BZZZ
BZZZ-TS

WHISH

BAHAHA!!
DID YOU SEE THAT OVERWHELMING POWER!!?
I WAS HOLDING BACK, TOO!!
WELL? DO YOU ALL PLAN ON COOPERATING WITH...!!
BA

?!
SHHHHHHH—

HEY, YOU LITTLE PUNKS!!
WHERE DID YOU ALL GO!?

HUH!?

DE JAH SAID THAT YOU HAVE TO DEFEAT HELL JOE IF YOU WANT HIM TO TELL YOU WHERE THE THORN FRAGMENT IS!?
YEAH..

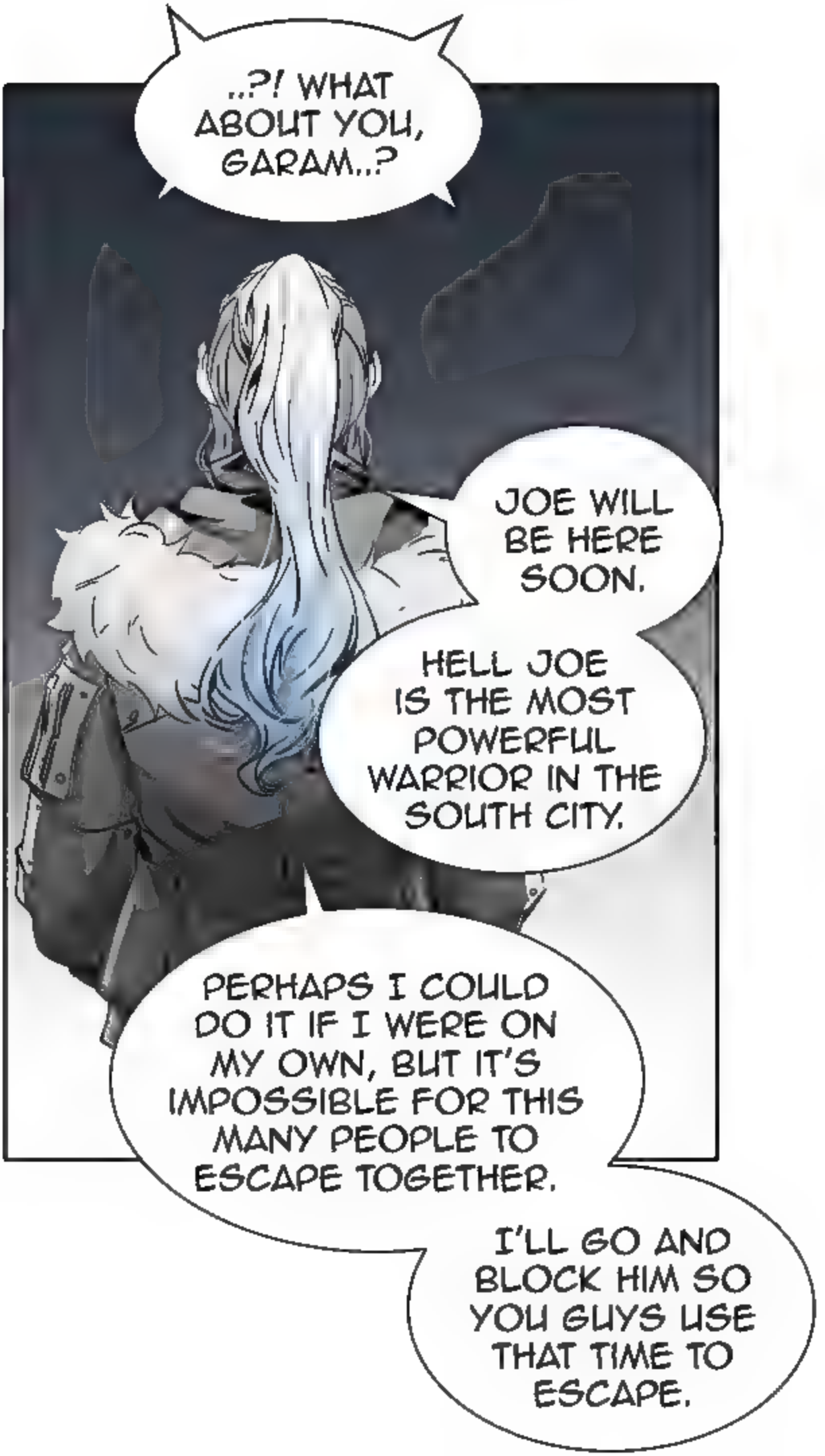
THAT CRAZY BASTARD!!
HE MAY BE SENILE BUT HOW CAN HE BE SO GREEDY!?
UGH..!!
!
SSK-

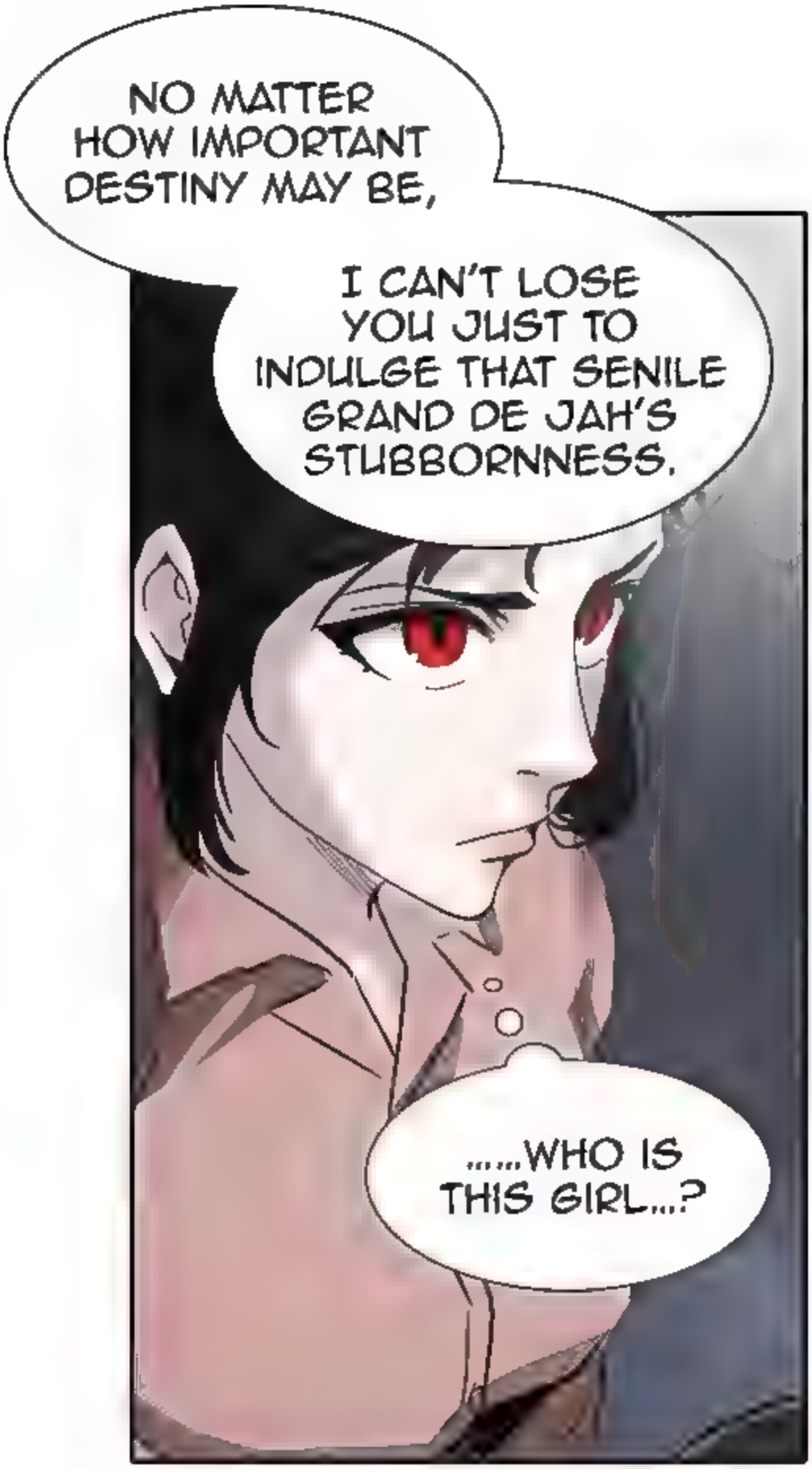
YURI!!
..BAM!?

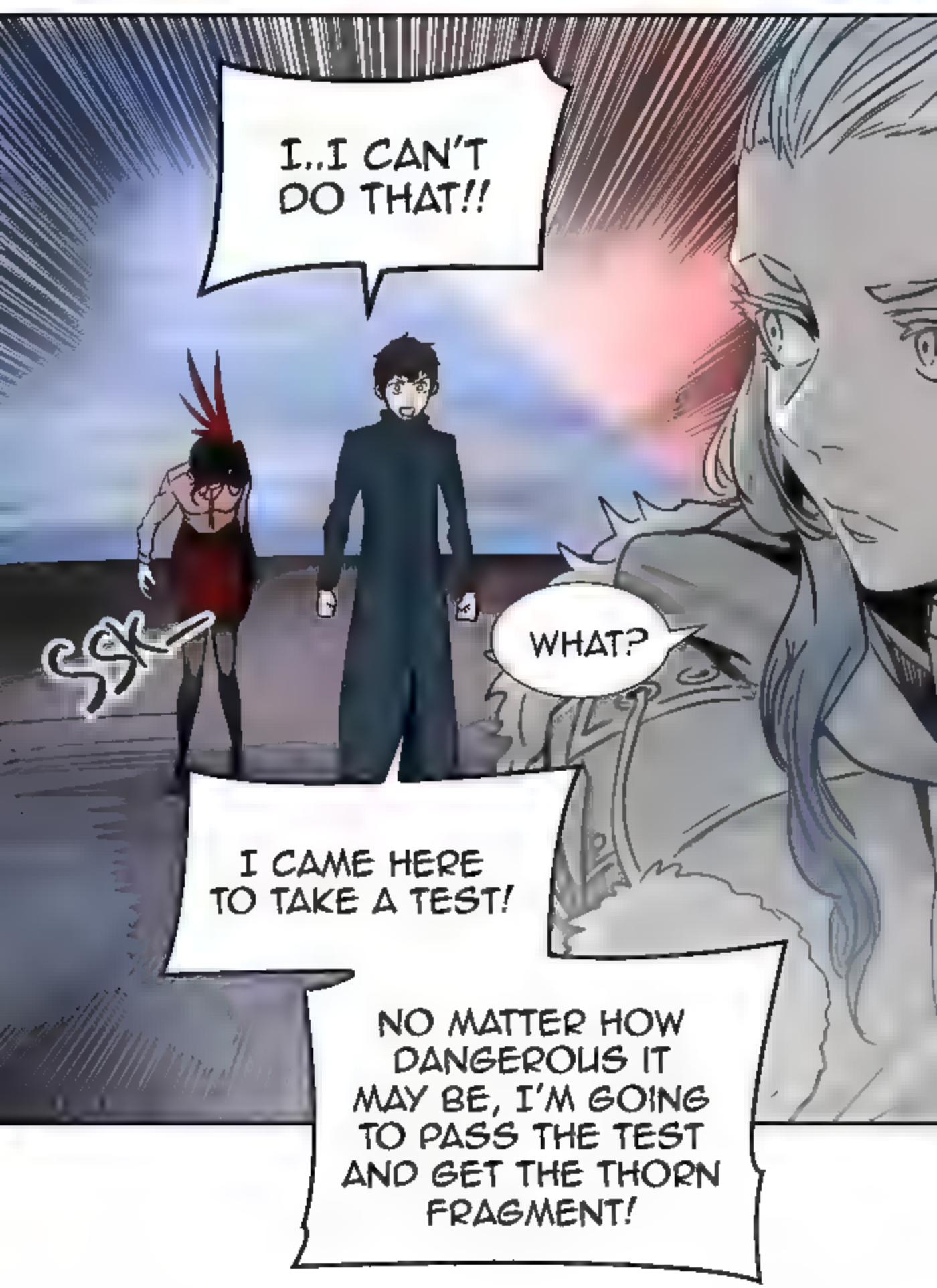
BAM~!!
I THINK I JUST HAD A SCARY DREAM!!
CLASH!!
Y..YURI, THIS IS NO TIME FOR..!!
.....

DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON? YOU TROUBLEMAKER.
WHAM!!
AGH!!
YURI!!

A...ARE YOU OKAY!?
UGH-
M..MY HANG-OVER..
YOU GUYS SHOULD ESCAPE TO THE NORTH CITY.
BE ESPECIALLY CAREFUL NOT TO LET HER HAVE A FIT.


..?! WHAT ABOUT YOU, GARAM..?
JOE WILL BE HERE SOON.
HELL JOE IS THE MOST POWERFUL WARRIOR IN THE SOUTH CITY.
PERHAPS I COULD DO IT IF I WERE ON MY OWN, BUT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS MANY PEOPLE TO ESCAPE TOGETHER.
I'LL GO AND BLOCK HIM SO YOU GUYS USE THAT TIME TO ESCAPE.

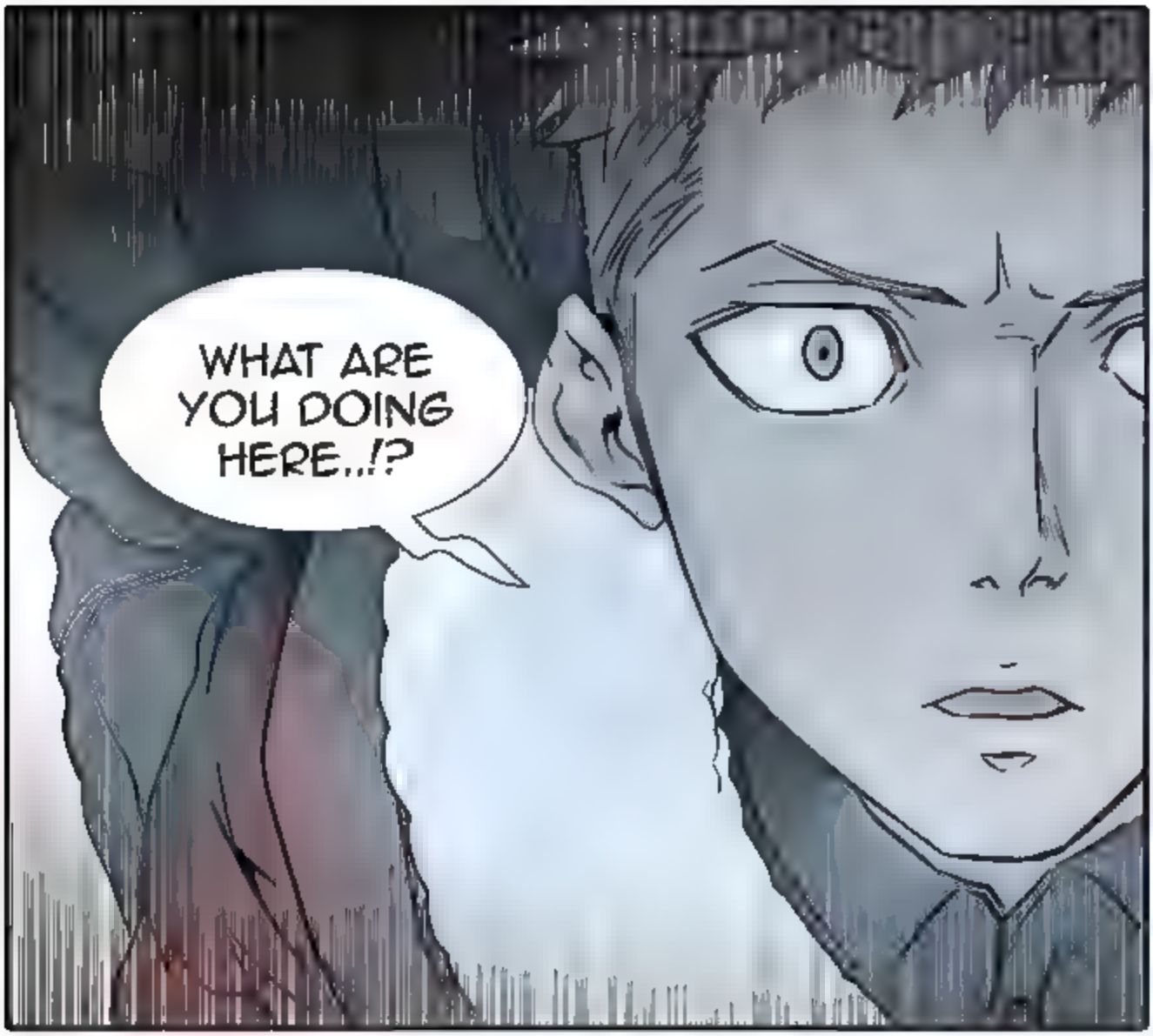

NO MATTER HOW IMPORTANT DESTINY MAY BE,
I CAN'T LOSE YOU JUST TO INDULGE THAT SENILE GRAND DE JAH'S STUBBORNNESS.
.....WHO IS THIS GIRL...?

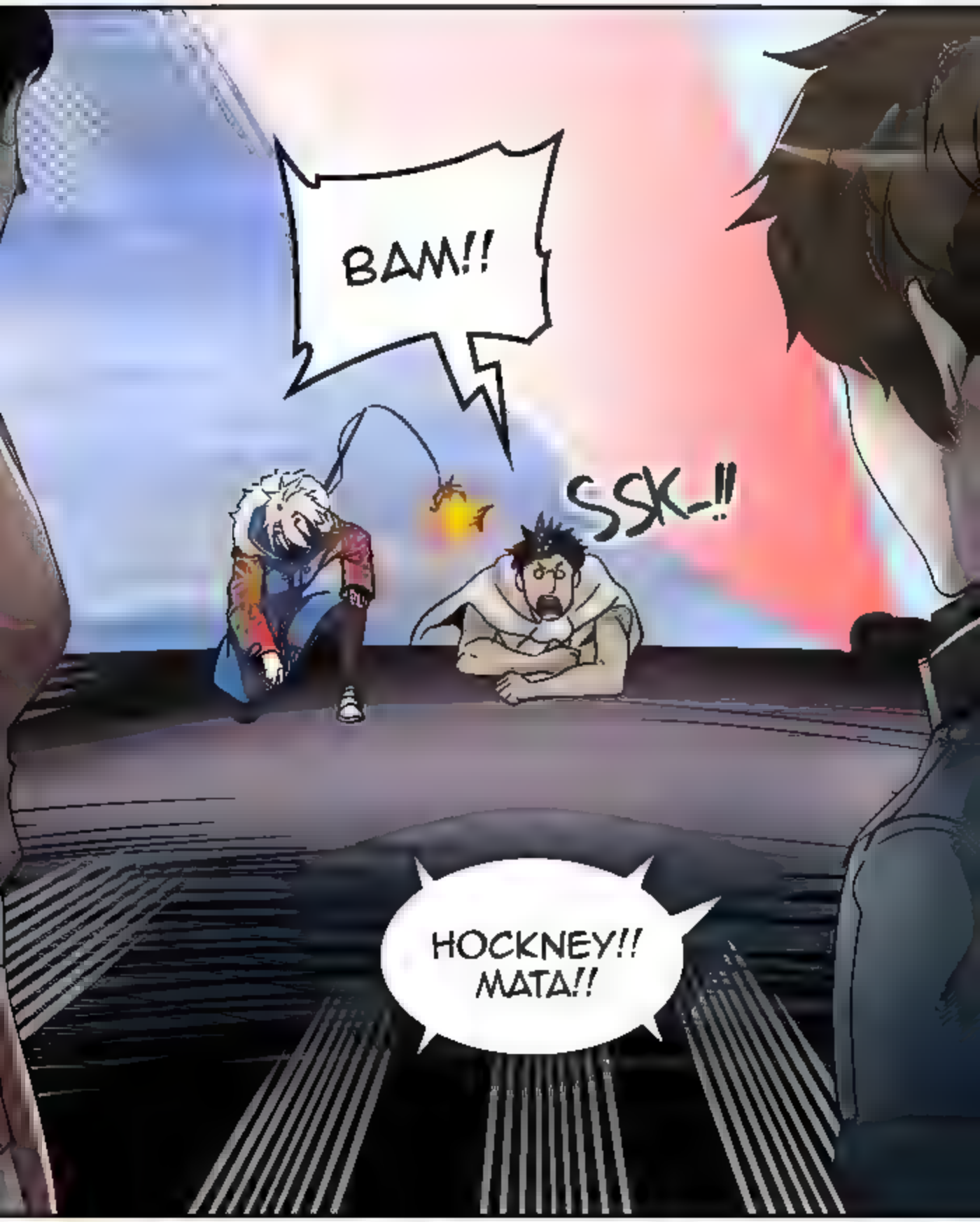

I..I CAN'T DO THAT!!
WHAT?
I CAME HERE TO TAKE A TEST!
NO MATTER HOW DANGEROUS IT MAY BE, I'M GOING TO PASS THE TEST AND GET THE THORN FRAGMENT!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON BUT I'M HEADING BACK TOO.
SINCE THIS KID'S LITTLE COMPANIONS ARE STILL IN THE CASTLE.
!!
SO THAT'S WHERE KHUN AND THE OTHERS ARE!!

IF THAT'S WHERE MY COMPANIONS ARE!!
THEN I REALLY DO HAVE TO GET BACK THERE, GARAM!!
GARAM..?

WAIT.. PRINCESS.. GARAM JAHAD?
.....
SHHHHH


WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE..!?


BAM!!
SSK_!!
HOCKNEY!!
MATA!!

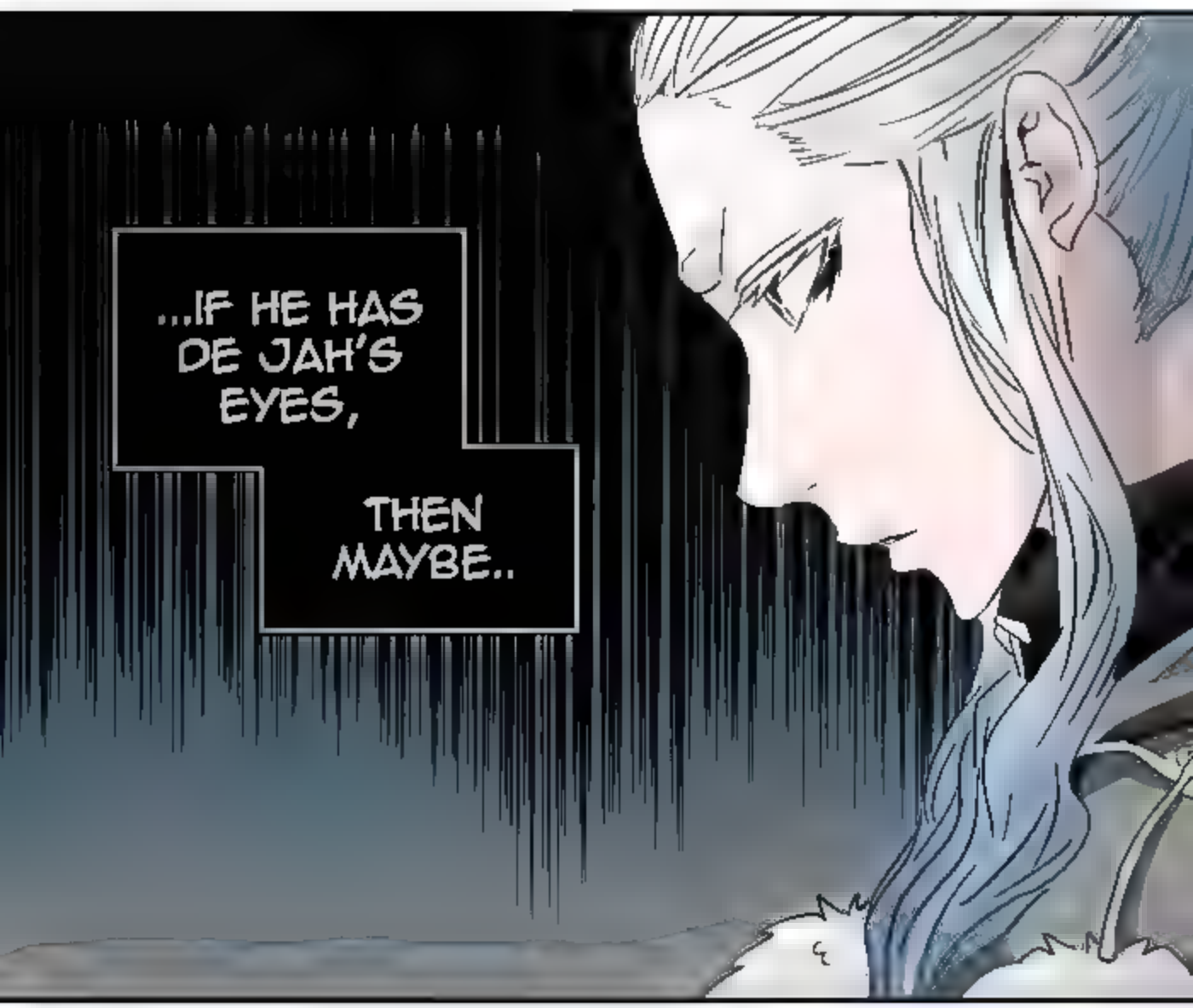
BAM!! HOCKNEY SAID!!
HE SAW..!!
TITATA
WHAT?!
I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE WHAT IT IS, BUT HOCKNEY SAW SOMETHING INCREDIBLE IN THE FUTURE!!
ON A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL FROM ANYTHING THAT HE'S SEEN BEFORE!!

IF WE KEEP GOING LIKE THIS, WE'LL ALL DIE!!
WE HAVE TO TAKE HELL JOE TO THE PLACE THAT I SAW IN THE FUTURE!!
W..WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

NOT FAR FROM HERE, THERE'S AN ENTRANCE TO A HOLE CONNECTED TO THE NORTH CITY!!
'SOMETHING' WILL APPEAR THERE TO HELP US!!

'SOMETHING THAT WILL HELP US...?'
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE, BUT THAT'S THE ONLY WAY FOR EVERYONE TO SURVIVE!!
P..PLEASE TRUST HIM!!
HOCKNEY CAN SEE THE FUTURE!!

HE'S NOT LYING.
HOCKNEY RECEIVED EYES FROM DE JAH THAT ALLOW HIM TO SEE THE FUTURE.
WE SHOULD TRUST HIM..!!
!! DE JAH'S EYES!?


...IF HE HAS DE JAH'S EYES,
THEN MAYBE..

..COULD YOU TELL ME IN DETAIL ABOUT THE FUTURE THAT YOU SAW?

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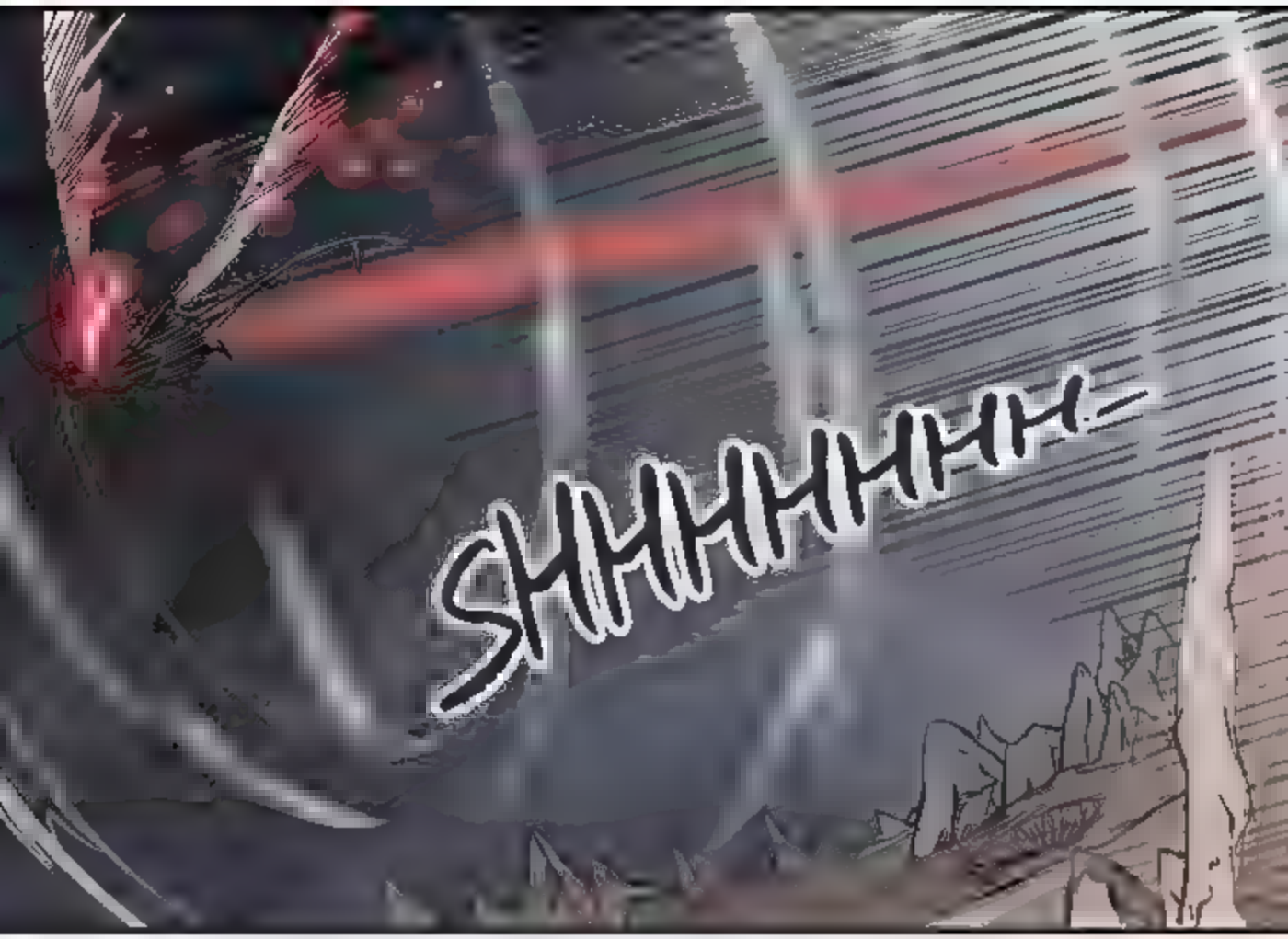
MASTER JOE!!
HOW MUCH FURTHER ARE YOU GOING TO CHASE THEM!? FOR NOW, WE SHOULD HEAD BACK TO-!!
SWOOOOSH—
SHUT UP!!
YOU GODDAMN SLOWPOKES!!

I'M GOING AHEAD WITHOUT YOU!!
KSSHH
SIR!!


SHHHHHHHH-

FLA
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KSSA!
AGH-!!

SWOOSH
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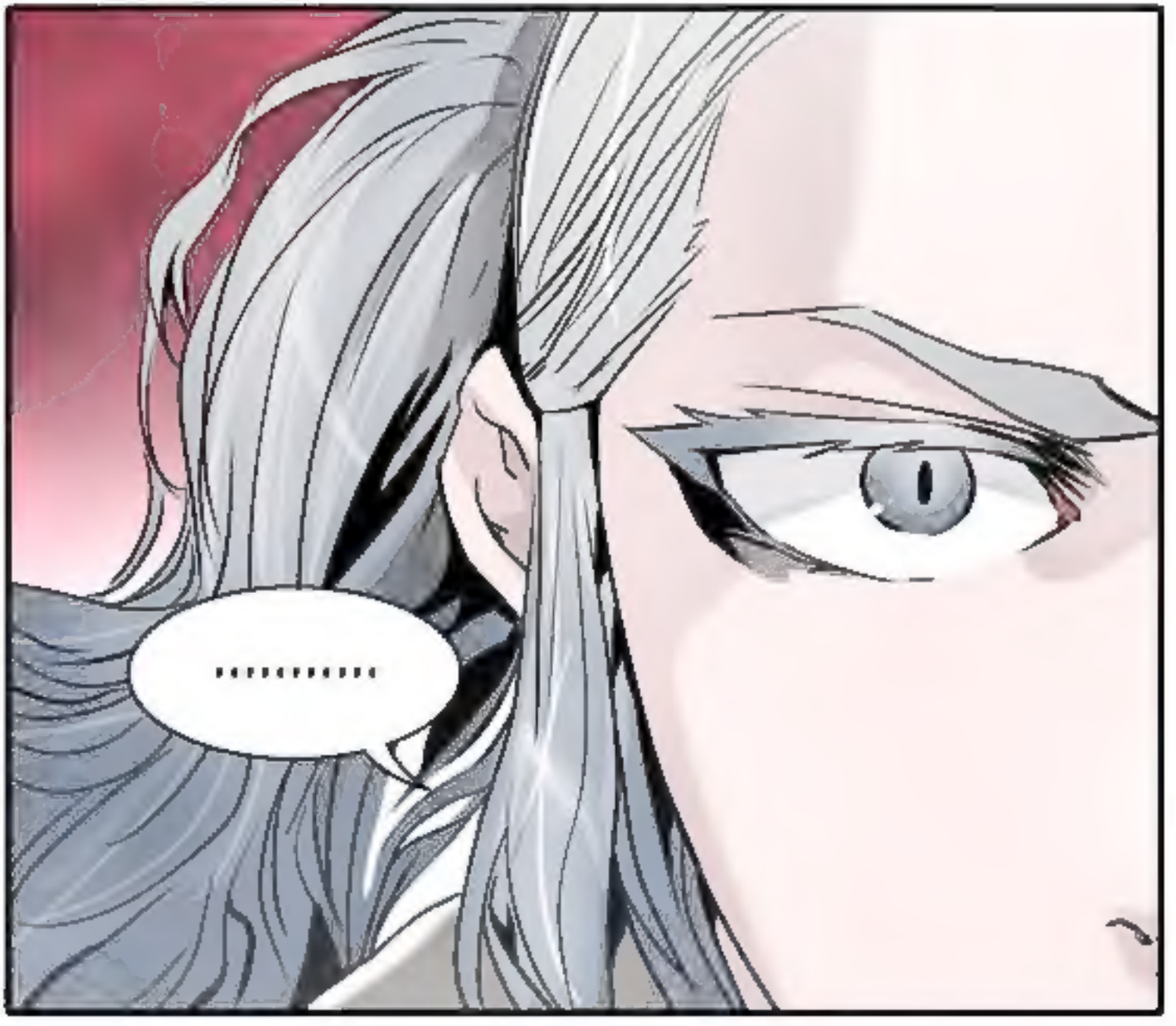
SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU GUYS

BEEN ON THE SAME TEAM?



WHAT ON EARTH IS IT THAT'S GOING TO COME OUT AND HELP US?

SWOOSH-

KSSSHHH

I HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE.